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Grayling motocross racer competes at Ford Field

by Dan Sanderson
Staff Writer

A Grayling Motocross racer won the luck of the draw to race in the "Lion's Den," marking a milestone in his young career.

Sam Davis, age 8, was one of 15 youngsters from across North America who were selected to compete in the KTM Junior Supercross Challenge, held as part of the Detroit Motocross at Ford Field, on April 12. Ford Field is the home of the Detroit Lions.

Davis won a lottery draw to compete in the race for 7 and 8-year-old motorcyclists. He applied to take part in the event last fall, and had to submit an extensive resume that included his height, weight, riding experience and reports from doctors.

The KTM Junior Challenge was sandwiched between main events during the Detroit Motocross.

"He rode the same track as the big guys in front of thousands and thousands of people, so it was quite an experience," said Chris Davis, Sam's mother.

Sam took a spill on his bike going into the first turn of the race, but raced hard enough to finish fifth in the event, which included riders from across the United States and Canada.

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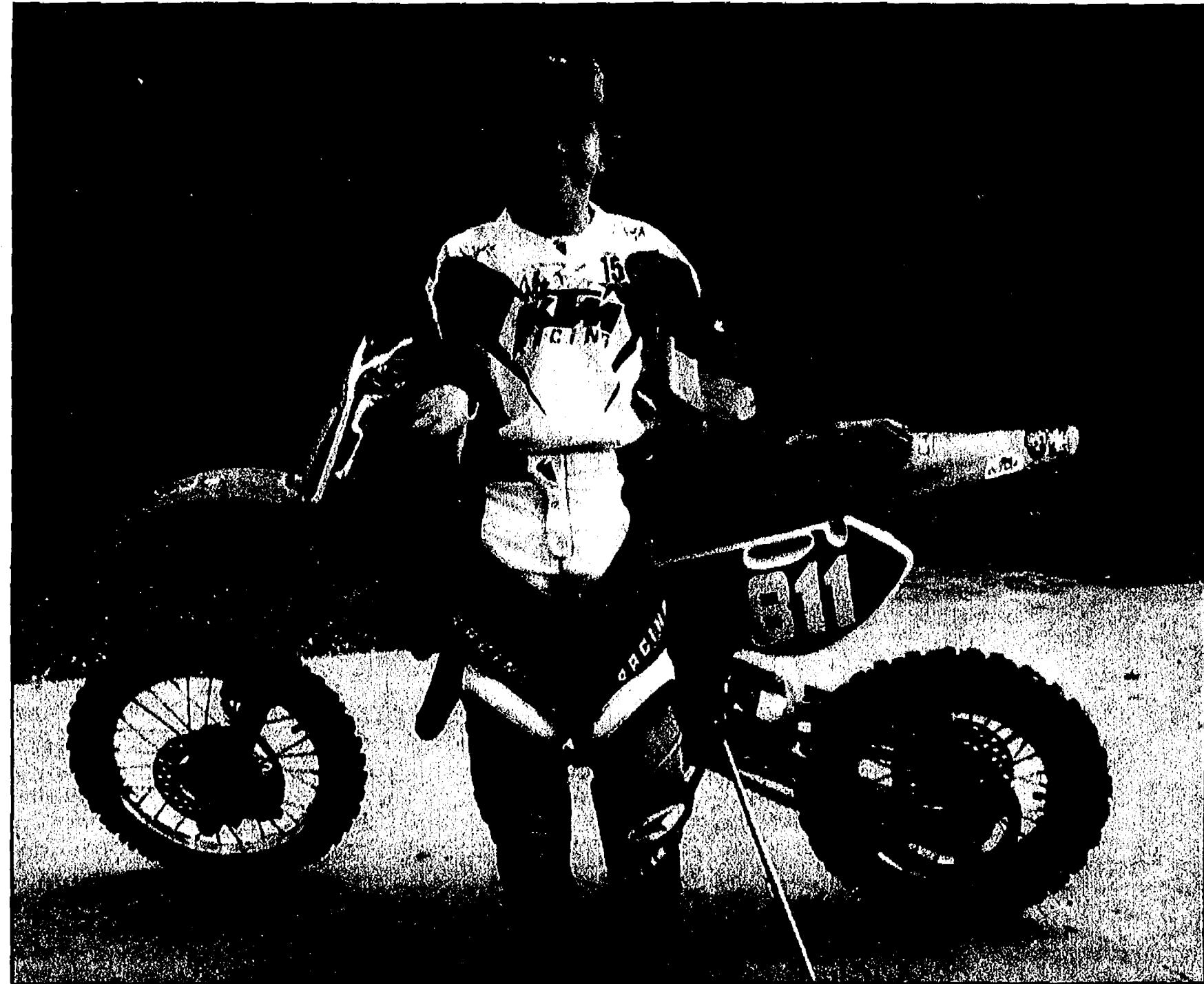


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Cemetery clean-up snafu riles residents

by Dan Sanderson
Staff Writer

City of Grayling officials vowed to improve communications and implement new policies regarding the maintenance of the Elmwood Cemetery, after a mass cleaning around grave sites resulted in items thrown away.

The cleaning snafu, which occurred last month, caused mementos and keepsakes, placed by families whose loved ones are laid to rest in the Elmwood Cemetery, to be thrown in the dumpster by City Department of Public Works (DPW) employees.

Grayling City Manager David Thayer said that DPW employees were asked to progressively clean up the cemetery over a course of several days or weeks, so that the city did not have to scramble to prepare the cemetery in time for Memorial Day ceremonies. Instead, Thayer said the employees did a clean-sweep of the cemetery on Tuesday, April 22, removing items that had been placed on the graves of loved ones last fall for the holidays, and some items that were just placed on the Continued on Page 7A
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City of Grayling taps residents for stormwater rain garden redo

by Dan Sanderson
Staff Writer

City of Grayling officials are starting an adopt-a-rain garden program in an effort to beautify the community and help protect the water quality of the AuSable River.

City officials are encouraging residents on the south side of the community, where 86 rain gardens were created as part of the city's stormwater project, to volunteer to help maintain and beautify the areas.

Rain gardens were created to allow stormwater that flows off the city streets to naturally filter back into the groundwater, thereby keeping pollutants out of the AuSable River.

The city received a \$758,000 grant through the state's Clean Michigan Initiative program, which was administered by the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality. Additional funding for the \$1 million stormwater project came from numerous Trout Unlimited, conservation and angler organizations.

The rain gardens were created two-years ago, and were initially planted with native plants and flowers.

But, due to drought conditions
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Photo by Dan Sanderson

City of Grayling officials are encouraging residents on the south side of the community, where 86 rain gardens were created as part of the city's stormwater project, to volunteer to help maintain and beautify the areas. Above, Jennifer Muladore, an ecologist with Huron Pines, a non-profit conservation organization which has overseen the stormwater project for the city, is coordinating the replanting of the rain gardens with city residents.

Incumbents win school board seats

by Dan Sanderson
Staff Writer

Two incumbents on the Crawford AuSable School Board of Education retained their seats in the regular school election held last week.

Incumbent Sandra Enos received 211 votes, over challenger Richard Febey who had 200 votes cast in his favor, for a four-year seat on the school board.

Enos was appointed to the board in November to fill out the seat vacated by Judith Gorski, a Crawford AuSable Board of Education trustee and a retired Grayling High School principal, who resigned from the board due to family health issues.

In the other contested race for the school board, incumbent Jane Lange, the current school board secretary, won a two-year seat on the board with 220 votes.

Lange was elected to the school board in 2004, and is finishing her first four-year term.

Dave Shriver received 142 votes, while Tony Thomson trailed the field with 38 votes cast in his favor.

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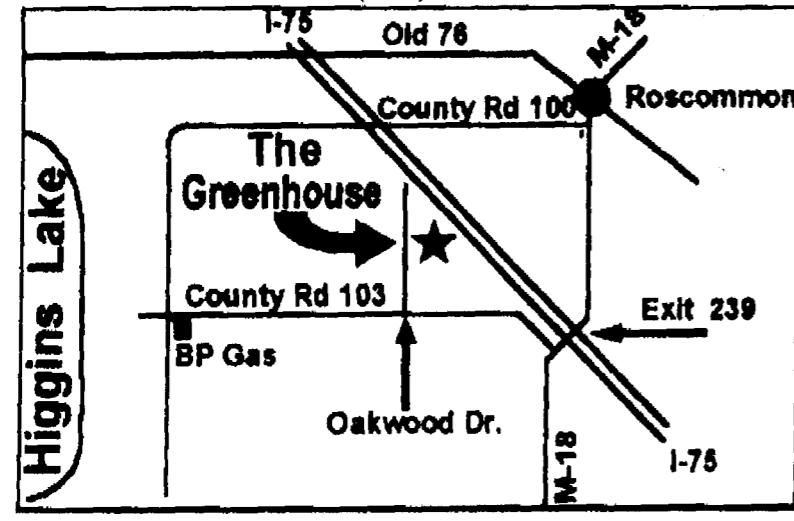
GMS students team with American Legion Auxiliary in poppy poster contest



Grayling Middle School students participated in the 2nd Annual Poppy Poster Contest. Posters were placed in store windows around town to promote the American Legion Auxiliary Poppy Fund-raiser that took place May 8 through May 10. Student posters emphasized the patriotism of supporting the veterans who served our country. Cara Miller's design, which included a flag, won first place. She was followed by Scott Wakeley in 2nd place, Madison Juntilla in 3rd place, Michael Beck in 4th place and Colbie Wakeley in 5th place. Pictured above are poppy poster winners and sponsors, back row (L to R): Mary Herman, Student Council Advisor; Greta Chapp and Ann Hamlin, American Legion Auxiliary Members; and Cara Miller. Front row (L to R): Scott Wakeley, Michael Beck, Colbie Wakeley and Madison Juntilla.

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Attorney running for prosecutor's office

A Grayling attorney has filed to run for the Crawford County Prosecutor's office this fall.

Everette "Trey" Ayers, III is running as a Republican candidate for the Crawford County Prosecutor's office, which is being vacated by longtime Prosecutor John Huss. Huss is retiring after the end of the year and is not seeking re-election.

Ayers was born and raised in South Carolina and has lived in Michigan since 1998. He and his wife, Karen (Schlehuber), a Crawford County resident of 39 years, have been married for two years and have five children between them. Ayers is a Grayling Rotarian and a member of the Grayling Youth Booster Club. Karen sits on the board of the Youth Booster Club. Both are actively involved in many aspects

of our community.

Ayers began his career as a law enforcement officer. He then decided to return to school with the intent of becoming a lawyer. He received his bachelor's degree from Coastal Carolina University and graduated from Michigan State University Detroit College of Law "Summa Cum Laude." During law school, he clerked for a Lansing firm and then served as an intern in the governor's office with Governor John Engler's criminal justice policy advisor. Ayers was a member of the King Scholars and received the Ralph M. Freeman Award for civility and professionalism from the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Michigan. He also received jurisprudence awards in evidence, secured transactions, estates and future

interest. After law school, Ayers clerked in Grayling for the 46th Circuit Court before entering private practice.

In 2004, Ayers began working for Carey and Jaskowski, P.L.L.C., where he was assigned to the court appointed criminal contract. He served in that position for three years, handling hundreds of felony cases and numerous neglect and abuse cases in Crawford, Kalkaska, Roscommon and Otsego counties. He is currently employed with Bloomquist and Associates, P.L.L.C., where he continues to serve as guardian (representative) for the children of Crawford County in neglect and abuse cases, while privately practicing criminal and civil law.

As president of the 46th Circuit Bar Association, Ayers



Everette Ayers, III

helped institute a pro bono (free) divorce clinic. This clinic runs in conjunction with River House Shelter and Legal Aid under the direction of 46th Circuit Court Judge Janet M. Allen. The clinic provides free divorce advice to the citizens of Crawford County that cannot otherwise afford to pay for an attorney. Numerous local attorneys graciously volunteer their time to help with the clinic.

Ayers' goal as prosecutor is to bring a "common sense approach" to the prosecutor's office.

"As the chief law enforcement officer of the county, a prosecutor has a responsibility to decide what charges, if any, are to be pursued and to investigate and determine if the offense along with the evidence meets the criteria to bring charges," Ayers said. "Not every case is the same and each needs to be reviewed with a fresh perspective."

If elected, Ayers said he will be tough on crime with a common sense approach. He said his experience as both a defense attorney and a former law enforcement officer give him a fresh perspective that will have a positive impact for all of our residents.

If elected, Ayers plans on having an open door policy and believes the public needs to have access to the prosecutor.

Ayers said he will work closely with all law enforcement in our county.

"Our officers work very hard and we need to work together to make Crawford County a safe place to live," Ayers said. "Complacency can be costly and simple investigation will reveal the strength or weakness of a case."

Ayers said he will save the county money by increasing efficiency and will have only necessary trials.

"The prosecutor has the ability to make a significant impact on the community, and if elected, I will maintain contact with the Crawford County residents," he said.

Ayers believes all elected officials have a duty to listen to the voices of the community and should not turn a deaf ear to those they serve. He has long term goals in Crawford County and wants to hold the office for as long as the people will allow him to represent them.

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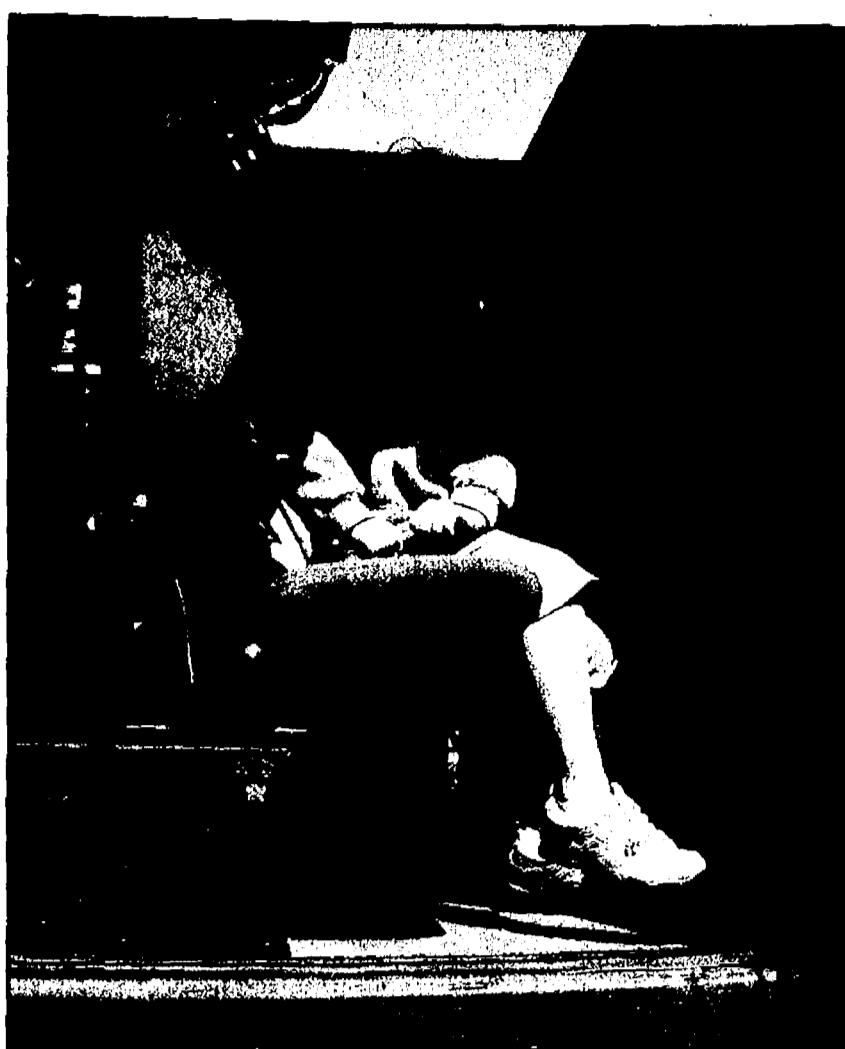
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Truck Fair a tremendous success



About 350 people attended the Truck Fair, a fund-raiser and event held to celebrate the 40th anniversary of the Grayling Cooperative Preschool, at Hanson Hills on Saturday. Above left, Olivia Owners, age 5, a Grayling Cooperative Preschool student, gets a close up view inside a Camp Grayling Fire Department fire truck. Above right, Kali Harding, age 2, visits with McGruff the Crime Dog, who was brought to the Truck Fair by the Crawford County Sheriff's Office. Below left, Madison Sprtel, age 8, and her brother, Liam Sprtel, age 7, check out "The Gauntlet," an inflatable obstacle course used by the Michigan National Guard. Below right, Jordan Houghton, age 5, gets his face painted by Abbey Helsel, a Grayling High School sophomore, who volunteered at the event to fulfill her school-required community service hours for graduation.

Photos by Dan Sanderson

City taps residents for stormwater rain garden redo

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and the overgrowth of weeds, city officials and residents are not pleased with the aesthetics of the rain gardens.

"It was an experiment, and with some experiments you have problems," Grayling City Manager David Thayer said. "This is an opportunity to correct the problem and make the rain gardens an asset to the community."

Residents, who live near the rain gardens, will be given an opportunity to adopt and maintain the areas as a source of community pride. Those rain gardens that are not adopted will be replanted with grass, and will be mowed as part of the regular maintenance done by city Department of Public Works employees.

Residents who choose to take part in the program will be given the opportunity to select five flowers and two shrubs to plant in the rain gardens. Mulch and maintenance of the rain gardens will be done by crews from

Huron Pines, a non-profit conservation organization which has overseen the stormwater project for the city.

In addition, the city will give residents who adopt a rain garden up to 4,000 gallons of water

usage credit per year for three years to offset the cost of watering the rain gardens.

"If we can get enough participation, this will be a win-win for the community all the way around," Thayer said.

The Michigan Rural Water Association recently awarded the City of Grayling and Huron Pines its 2008 Exemplary Efforts in Environmental Protection award for the stormwater project initiative.

Incumbents win school board seats

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who live in the Crawford AuSable School District's boundaries, cast ballots in the election held on Tuesday, May 6. Crawford County Clerk/ Register of Deeds Sandra Moore, whose office oversees the school election, anticipated a low voter turnout since there were no school funding or other issues on the ballot. She added that some snowbirds have not returned from their winter destinations, and the request for absentee ballots was also down.

"I wish more people would get involved," Moore said. "We had good candidates, so you would think it would have sparked an interest."

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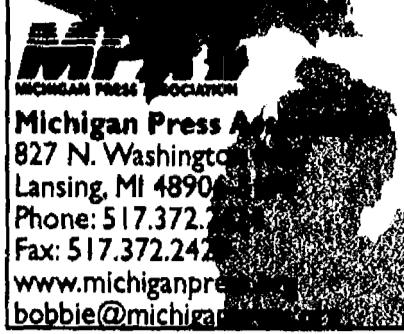
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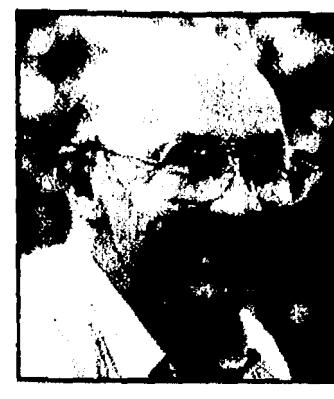
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OPINIONS



ALMANACK

by Richard Milliman

New minting could cost less, save money

I SEE BY THE PAPER that Congress is considering changing the metal content of the penny and nickel to save money.

Skyrocketing values of copper, nickel and zinc, the metals that go into minting American coins, make the penny and nickel worth way more than their trade value.

According to the US Mint, the penny now costs 1.26 cents to manufacture, and the nickel costs 7.7 cents to create.

The penny consists of 97.5 percent zinc and 2.5 percent copper, and both metals cost three or four times as much as they did a few years ago.

The nickel contains 75 percent copper and 25 percent nickel.

I always considered the penny as a copper coin, but in reality the penny has a very small amount of copper, while the nickel is three-quarters copper. Maybe the nickel should be called a copper, and the penny a zinc. We live and learn, if we read the newspaper.

Today's high cost of coinage, the Mint

tells us, is still less than last year when it cost 1.67 cents to make a penny and almost a dime to make a nickel.

Changing the metal content of these two coins to include more steel would save taxpayers about \$100 million a year, according to published estimates.

Dimes and quarters both cost less to produce than their face values, so both appear safe so far. The Mint reports the dime costs a little over four cents to make, and the quarter costs less than ten cents.

The dollar coin — which somehow never seems to find favor with the American public — is a real bargain at about 16 cents to produce.

I remember during World War II, the familiar brown penny disappeared, replaced with a new dull white wartime penny to divert special metals to the war effort.

According to an Associated Press story on the cost of coins, the World War II substitute penny was steel, but my memory is of a lead penny, which when

dropped on a hard surface would fall with a dull thud.

After World War II, the familiar Abe Lincoln brown penny returned.

I SEE BY THE PAPER the recent Indiana presidential primary had a few glitches because of voter ID requirements.

According to an Associated Press report, some students from colleges throughout the state were denied ballots because they couldn't produce proper state or federal photo identification.

The AP also told of trouble for a woman with a college-issued ID and an out-of-state driving license, and a newly-married woman whose driving license name did not match the name on her voter registration card. Both were rejected.

What caught my eye especially, however, was the plight of about a dozen nuns, denied ballots by a poll worker fellow nun from the same convent because they couldn't produce proper identifica-

tion.

The nuns were all in their 80s or 90s and personally known to the poll worker, but that wasn't good enough. They didn't have photo ID cards. None drives. One had an outdated passport.

"Some of these ladies don't walk well. They're in wheelchairs or on walkers or electric carts," said their poll-working colleague, who promised the convent would make a "very concerted effort" to get things in order so the nuns can vote in November.

The law is the law, of course, and elections should be squeaky clean. Application of the law also should be reasonable. Was it reasonable in the Indiana primary?

I SEE BY THE PAPERS that Morehouse College — described in a *Detroit News* article as "the country's only institution of higher learning dedicated to the education of black men" — this year has its first white valedictorian. Joshua Packwood, 24, a Rhodes

Scholar finalist from Kansas City, compiled a perfect 4.0 grade point and has earned a degree in economics from Morehouse.

New President Robert Franklin cited Mr. Packwood when he took the reins at 141-year-old Morehouse College in February:

"Josh Packwood is Morehouse," Mr. Franklin said then. "He happens to be Euro-American and brings much appreciated diversity to our campus."

I've never seen the term Euro-American until now, but if Afro-American is an apt term, then so is Euro-American, I suppose.

In any event, congratulations to Joshua Packwood for breaking yet another color barrier as the Euro-American valedictorian at a traditional Afro-American college.

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Richard Milliman is a veteran newspaperman, and a contributing columnist to several Michigan newspapers.

EDITOR

I respect all who serve their country

To the editor:

As we approach Memorial Day, I feel it is important to put a different spin on an all too often expression heard in this extended political debate.

In the discussion about whether to stay in or get out of Iraq, one reason used to entice the decision to stay on is if we don't stay, and Iraq regresses into civil anarchy, then all of our military members who died "to defend American interests" died in vain.

I believe most enlisted did so to defend and serve their country. I dare to tell you that those who died serve no more than those who live on to serve. If they died while serving, I regret

the loss of their presence and continued service to their comrades and families. Their mission to serve has ended, but "not in vain." The politic mission selected for them does not define the value of their accomplishment to serve.

My neighbor's son died while serving his country, mission ended. Her daughter still serving drives a tank, mission on-going. Many others, including mechanics, pilots, engineers, doctors, nurses, radar operators, sailors, policemen, firemen, etc., are still in their mission. I respect all who serve their country.

Pat Fowler
Grayling

Shoppenagon's could have ambiance again

To the editor:

Attention Grayling investors. Take a drive to Boyne City and look at the Wolverine Dillworth Inn. The Shoppenagon's Inn used to have that elegance and ambiance. It could and should have it again. It would be a grand spot for dinners, recep-

tions and celebrations. If the theme park comes to pass, you would have a place closer than Gaylord or Houghton Lake for the tourists to spend their time and money.

Kenn Hildebrand
Newaygo

Can't they leave his car alone?

To the editor:

Our son is in Iraq, fighting for his country. We are taking care of his car. The city police came along and said it had to be moved or hauled away because it didn't have a tag.

We think this is pretty unfair, he is fighting for them and our country and they can't leave his car alone.

Tom Stampfli
Grayling

It was not our intention to disrespect sites at cemetery

To the editor:

I am the new sexton for Elmwood Cemetery in the City of Grayling. I am writing in response to the letters recently published in the Crawford County Avalanche, in regards to the unfortunate incident that took place this spring at the cemetery. I would like to apologize for the disruption the clean sweep of the cemetery has caused our visitors and citizens of Grayling. I understand that the resting place of our loved ones is a very special place to everyone visiting, including myself, as I too, have a loved one in Elmwood Cemetery. I can assure everyone it was not our intention to disrespect the friends and families with loved ones at rest in Elmwood Cemetery.

There was a misinterpretation of the instructions for clean up at the cemetery. Items that were not intended to be removed unfortunately were, along with the items that were intended to be disposed of. Steps have been taken to ensure that it will not be repeated in the future.

Next spring, the clean up process will be executed in a manner that reflects our desire to accommodate those who choose to leave graveside adornments over the winter months. The clean up process will include a notice in the Crawford County Avalanche, of

Benedict E. Chouinard
Elmwood Cemetery Sexton

You can't take these brave folks for granted

To the editor:

It was with great interest that we watched and waited while the Four Mile fire burned. Our thoughts and prayers were with those who were directly effected by this fire. We live in Lovells, not near where the fire was, but given a different wind direction that day, it could have been us who were forced to run away from the security of our homes while firefighters ran into the fire.

We were quite impressed with the way the fire department, the police, the DNR, the neighboring communities and many others quickly mobilized to do their best to protect our town, our

homes, our lives and the lives of others not physically able to help themselves. Sadly, many don't appreciate what our emergency response teams do until something like this happens. You can't take these brave folks for granted when you live in northern Michigan. I for one, will remember this when these people need my vote for a millage renewal, or ask for meager pay raises. I hope you will too.

Many of our small town firefighters are volunteers and don't earn much, if anything, when they risk their lives to protect yours.

Heather and Dave Lovell
Grayling

It felt like vandalism

To the editor:

It has been three weeks now since my trip to the cemetery to visit my daughter's grave. Imagine my surprise, then anger, when finding out that the spring flowers that I had put down on April 15 were gone.

When I asked the city workers what would have happened to them, they told me they had been instructed to remove all flowers from the graves. I was mad. After 22 years of tending to the family grave, all the cleaning, raking, planting and visiting, someone removed the flowers from the planters. They were new spring flowers and had just been put down on April 15.

There was no communication or notice to those of us with family members in the cemetery that regardless what was on your loved one's grave that it would be taken.

It felt like vandalism. Shame on the cemetery workers and their supervisors for the heartache and mistrust they have caused many in this community.

I will wonder the next time that I put flowers down, how long it will be before they come up missing. It is a shame there will not be flowers on her grave for Mother's Day.

Sue Lucksted
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Online Poll Results

Last week's online poll question and results:

Which recent feat by a Detroit sports franchise is most impressive?

Ford Wings sweeping the Colorado Avalanche in round 2 of the NHL playoffs. 33 votes 66%	Pistons winning three straight games vs. the 76ers to win 1st round playoff series 4-2. 1 vote 2%	Tigers overcoming a poor start to pull within a couple games of .500. 11 votes 32%
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This week's online poll question: What effect will the City of Grayling's \$1.3 million streetscape project have on downtown business this summer?

To vote in our online polls, visit our Internet site:

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BRIEFS

MARSP to hold first meeting

The first meeting of the season for the Michigan Association of Retired School Personnel will be Monday, May 19, at the Houghton Lake United Methodist Church, with registration at 8:30 a.m. There will be a short meeting and the election of officers followed by representatives from Northwestern Bank speaking on "Reverse Mortgage and Home Equity Loans." Lunch will be at 11:30 a.m. Paid reservations of \$9, which includes tax, are due by May 15 to Janet Porath, P.O. Box 489, Houghton Lake, MI 48629. For information, call 989-302-0482.

Ride of Silence to be held

A Ride of Silence will be held on May 21, starting at the Grayling City building, 1020 City Blvd., going to Hartwick Pines State Park and back. This ride will promote awareness and honor cyclists who have been injured or killed while cycling. Registration will begin at 6:15 p.m. and the ride will begin at 7 p.m. Helmets are required.

Kirtland to hold Warbler Festival

Kirtland's Warbler Festival will be held at Kirtland Community College, 10775 N. St. Helen Road, Roscommon, on Saturday, May 17. Purchase of \$5 button is required for admittance for persons ages 15 and up. Events include nature presentations, live animals, kids fishing pond, food, live music and much more. Complete details online at warbler.kirtland.edu.

Church to hold bake sale

St. Mary's Ladies Club will hold a spring bake sale on Saturday, May 17, from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. in the family center.

GHS class of '98 to hold reunion

GHS class of 1998 will hold its 10th reunion at the Grayling Country Club, on Aug. 9. For more information, contact Kristie at 906-280-8815 or Jamie at 989-710-0030.

Viking band to hold car wash

The Grayling Viking Bands will host their bi-annual Band Day fund-raiser, on Saturday, May 17. A car wash will be held at Glen's Market parking lot and at Diane's Car Wash from 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. There will also be cotton candy, a hot dog and baked goods sale and a community can collection at both locations. Funds will be used toward summer band camp at Lake Superior State University.

TEFAP food distribution to be held

TEFAP food distribution will be held on May 19, at St. Francis Church, from 1:30 p.m. to 3 p.m.

Straits Area Ostomy Assoc. to meet

The Straits Area Ostomy Association will hold its regular meeting on Sunday, May 18, at 2 p.m., in the private dining room at Mercy Hospital, Grayling. All ostomates and interested persons are invited. Call Jack Bouck, at 989-821-5721, for more information.

Child care session to be held

A child care session will be held on May 21, at the Otsego County Library, from 9 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. This is for any one interested in becoming a licensed or registered child care provider. If interested, contact Nancie Kersey at 989-344-3080 or 989-731-3140 before May 16.

GHS to host Senior Honors Night

Grayling High School will host its annual Senior Honors Night on Thursday, May 15, at 7 p.m., in the Joseph Stripe auditorium. The achievements of the members of the 2008 graduating class will be recognized through local and college scholarships, citizenship awards and academic awards. The public is welcomed.

Monday ladies golf league to begin

The Monday evening golf league, Chicks with Sticks, will begin on May 19. Play starts at 5:30 p.m. at the Grayling Country Club. Come early for sign-up.

Republican Party to meet

The Republican Party of Crawford County will hold their regular monthly meeting on Wednesday, May 21, at 7 p.m., at the Crawford County Courthouse in Grayling.

Church to hold Rhubarb Social

Bear Lake Christian Church will be holding its 9th Annual Rhubarb Social on Sunday, May 25, from 12 p.m. until 3 p.m. The church is located between Grayling and Kalkaska on W. M-72. Entertainment will feature bluegrass music by the Cats and the Fiddler. All kinds of rhubarb pies will be for sale. There will be rhubarb desserts, hot dogs, chips, drinks and a dunk tank. Everyone is welcome.

VanderKlok guest speaker at church

Resurrection Life Center, 2640 W. M-72, Grayling, will have special guest Rev. Duane VanderKlok on Wednesday, May 21, at 7 p.m.

VanderKlok is the senior pastor of Resurrection Life Church in Grandville, a thriving congregation several thousand strong which provides many vital ongoing charitable outreach programs to the greater Grand Rapids area, as well as educational, training and support programs within the church itself.

He and his wife, Jeannie, are hosts of the popular weekly tele-

vision program, "Walking by Faith" (seen locally on Fox 33-TV), offering practical, down-to-earth teaching from God's word to equip and empower people to deal with real life issues faced every day. VanderKlok is a noted author and speaker who uses humor and his gift of storytelling to communicate the truths of God's word simply and understandably.

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portation is available by calling the church in advance at 348-1000.

The public is welcome.

RAFFLE WINNERS

Grayling Youth Booster Club

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High tea raises funds and awareness for River House



River House, Inc. held its annual fund-raiser "High Tea" and silent auction on May 8, at St. Mary's Social Hall in Grayling. Judge Kathryn Root spoke to the crowd about domestic violence. Pictured above is Kelly Yousofian, of Grayling, playing her harp for tea guests. River House provides services for survivors of domestic violence, sexual violence and homelessness in Crawford, Oscoda, Ogemaw and Roscommon Counties.

Special concert to cap off Kirtland's Warbler Festival

The Kirtland Center for the Performing Arts is helping provide what is sure to be an entertaining finale to the 15th annual Kirtland's Warbler Festival on Saturday, May 17, by hosting a special concert.

The Great Lakes Myth Society will perform for one show only at 7 p.m. on May 17 at the KCPA, located on Kirtland Community College's main campus near Roscommon. Tickets are \$10, or just \$5 for those already having purchased a Kirtland's Warbler Festival button, and may be purchased at the door or by calling the KCPA Ticket Office at 989-275-6777.

The Great Lakes Myth Society was originally known as the "Original Brothers and Sisters of Love," and that group yielded two critically-lauded albums (The Legende of Jeb Minor in 1999 and H.O.M.E.S. in 2001) for the Brooklyn, N.Y., indie label, The Telegraph Company.

The group reincarnated itself in 2002, with Timothy Monger (accordion, guitar and vocals), James Monger (guitar and vocals), Gregory McIntosh (guitar and vocals), Scott McClintock (bass and vocals) and Fido Kennington (drums and vocals) adorning themselves in the most affordable black suits available, changing their name to reflect the region from which they drew their power and beginning to shop for what would eventually become their formidable debut. It wasn't long before the newly minted Great Lakes Myth Society began sharing stages both locally and regionally with artists.

Great Lakes Myth Society eventually broke through into the often impenetrable Detroit music scene with key shows at the Magic Stick, Lager House, Comerica TasteFest and finally a headlining slot at the 1st annual Motor City Music Conference.

Their debut, an alternately brooding and nostalgic blend of muscular English folk-rock, pine-kissed Northern Americana and Midwest Carny grit, was released in April 2005 on the Boston-based label Stop, Pop & Roll. Within weeks, it had broken into the CMJ Top 200 and the band hit the road, bringing their live show to New York, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Illinois, Minnesota, Wisconsin

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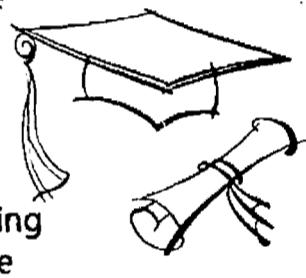
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Justification by faith in Jesus Christ removes us from condemnation and legalism under law. "There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit." (Rom. 8:1). We are saved by grace, not law, therefore law cannot condemn us under grace. We are not led by the law but by the Holy Spirit of life in Christ Jesus. "For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus hath made me free from the law of sin and death." (Rom. 8:2). This does not mean we are now free to lie, steal, kill, commit adultery, and covet because we are free from the law. It does mean we are enabled to avoid these sins because we are united to Jesus Christ who died to free us from these sins and who guides us by His Spirit to do right. Christians live right because we love God and our neighbor.

What is "...the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus?" This law is the law or principle of Grace through Faith in the gospel of Jesus Christ. "Where is boasting then? It is excluded. By what law? of works? Nay: but by the law of faith." (Rom. 3:27). We are not saved by the works of the

law, but by the law of faith. "For sin shall not have dominion over you; for ye are not under the law, but under grace." (Rom. 6:14). "Now the Lord is that Spirit; and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty." (2 Cor. 3:17). The Spirit of the Lord leads us in liberty, not through law.

Does this leadership of the Holy Spirit above refer only to those who have received a special work of Grace or only to a special group of spiritual, mature Christians? The Bible says all Christians have the Holy Spirit. One is not a Christian until one is born-again of the Spirit. As Jesus said in John 3:6: "That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. Marvel not that I said unto thee, Ye must be born again." All Christians are baptized by the Holy Spirit into the body of Christ. "For by one Spirit are we all baptized into one body, whether we be Jews or Gentiles, whether we be bond or free; and have been all made to drink into one Spirit." (1 Cor. 12:13). The Holy Spirit indwells the body of every Christian according to 1 Cor 6:19: "What? know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are

not your own?" In fact, Romans 8:9 reminds us if one has not the Spirit of Christ he is not a Christian: "But ye are not in the flesh, but in the Spirit, if so be that the Spirit of God dwell in you. Now if any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of his."

What does God mean we are made free from the law of sin and death? We were told in Romans 7:4 we are "dead to the law by the body of Christ." We were told in Romans 7:6: "But now we are delivered from the law, that being dead wherein we were held; that we should serve in newness of spirit, and not in the oldness of the letter." As Paul said in Galatians 2:19: "For I through the law am dead to the law, that I might live unto God." The law brought us guilt and condemnation, but Jesus Christ fulfilled the law by dying for our sins and fulfilling the demands of the law upon us. "For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus hath made me free from the law of sin and death." We are free indeed! (John 8:36). Pastor "B"

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This week's menu (lunch/dinner) and activities:

Friday, May 16 - Lunch-pork fritter with sweet and sour sauce, rice, peas, cauliflower and a banana. No Dinner. 10 a.m. Tone and Tubes, 12 p.m. Lovells Satellite meal, 1 p.m. Pantry Bingo.

Monday, May 19 - Lunch - hamburger on a bun, lettuce and tomato, O'Brien potatoes and applesauce. Dinner - chicken fried steak, mashed potatoes with gravy, fried cabbage with bacon and peaches. 9:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. Back on Duty, 1:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. TEFAP at St. Francis Church, 1 p.m. Bridge.

Tuesday, May 20 - Lunch - lasagna, Brussels sprouts, winter blend vegetables, a breadstick and oranges and grapefruit. Dinner - baked potato with chili, broccoli with cheese sauce and mixed fruit. 10 a.m.

AREA EVENTS

Tone and Tubes and Bible Study, 1 p.m. Euchre and Sit and Be Fit, 4 p.m. - 5 p.m. blood pressure/sugar checks, 5:30 p.m. game night.

Wednesday, May 21 - Lunch

creamy chicken and noodles, carrots, green beans and pears. Dinner - pork chop, sweet potatoes, peas, applesauce and apple cake. 1 p.m. pool league,

2 p.m. Property Tax Credit Session and caregiver class, 5 p.m. - 8 p.m. Wendy's Fund-Raiser Night, 5:30 p.m. Price is Right game show.

Thursday, May 22 - Lunch - pork riblet on a bun, baked beans, cauliflower and pineapple. Dinner - liver and onions, fried cabbage with bacon, California blend vegetables and grapes. 10 a.m. craft class, 1 p.m. COA Board meeting, 2 p.m. UNO Attack.

The Crawford County Commission on Aging's Senior Center is located at 308 Lawndale, behind Burger King in Grayling. Walk-ins are welcome.

OBITUARIES

Irma L. Robinson

April 22, 1918 - March 30, 2008
Irma L. Robinson passed away on March 30, 2008, in Round Rock, Texas.

She was born in Grand Rapids, on April 22, 1918, to John and Ella Trendt.

She resided in Bear Lake Township, Kalkaska, for 30 years.

She worked as the county treasurer and the township supervisor.

She and her husband Edgar (Red) Robinson, were instrumental in getting the Bear Lake Township community center built.

She is survived by her children, Bob (Bobbie) Robinson of Orange Springs, Fla., and Arvela Ackley of Round Rock, Texas; seven grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband in August of 1967; parents; siblings; and one great-grandchild.

Arrangements made by Cook Walden Capital Parks, Round Rock, Texas.

James L. Raymond

June 19, 1931 - May 8, 2008
James L. Raymond, 76, of South Branch Township, passed away on May 8, 2008.

Arrangements made by Walsh Funeral Home, Roscommon.

Bettie L. Boger

Jan. 24, 1930 - May 4, 2008
Bettie Lou Boger, of Cadillac, passed away on May 4, 2008. Online condolences may be made at sitesman-holdship.com.

SHERIFF'S REPORT

Crawford County Sheriff Kirk Wakefield reports his office handled the following 77 complaints the week of May 5 - May 11:

Seventeen general non-criminal complaints, one delinquent minor, one runaway, two assault/intimidation/stalkings, one assault and battery/simple assault, three larcenies, one fraudulent activity, two damage to properties, eight public peace/disorderlies, one hit and run motor vehicle accident, nine health and safeties, one election laws complaint, two miscellaneous criminal offenses, one miscellaneous arrest, nine traffic accidents, one accident-non-traffic, one accident-all other, three family troubles-domestic, 10 suspicious situations, two driving violations/driving while license suspended, one failed to stop leaving private drive and one failure to file property liability and property damage insurance.

Sheriff Wakefield asks: "Do you know where your children are? Please remember, our children are our future."

For more information, log on to www.crawfordsheriff.org.

BIRTHS

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Motocross racer competes at Ford Field

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up there, and it definitely was the event of a lifetime," Chris said.

Sam received a new riding uniform, a helmet, a gear bag, motorcycle tires and a U.S. Savings bond as part of being included in the event. The youngsters even were asked to sit at a table and autograph posters, just like the motocross stars who were in the Motor City for the race.

Sam, who has been racing for three years, said he thought it was cool to race on the track, since the jumps were larger and the course was more challenging than the traditional race courses he competes on.

"There were big, big jumps and they were straight up and down," Sam said.

Motocross racing continues to be a family affair for the Davis family. Chris Davis recently started a job as the bookkeeper for the Crawford County Commission on Aging. Sam's father, Tom Davis, is a heavy-equipment operator.

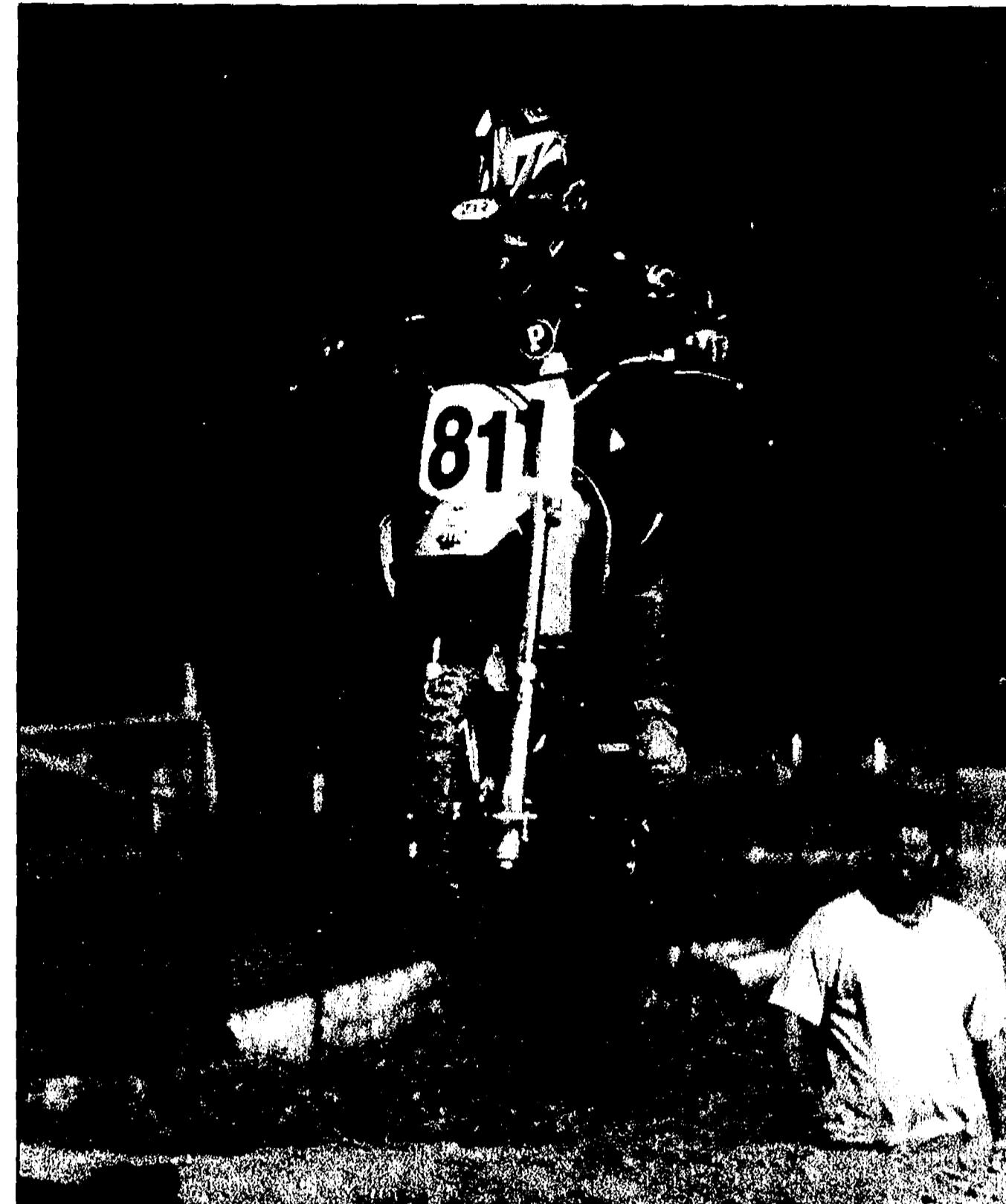
Sam has graduated from racing on junior tracks to racing on the main tracks at the race courses on his 50 cc PRC motorcycle and 65 cc Kawasaki.

This season, the family plans to travel to at least two races a month to take part in the American Motorcycle Association's District 14 competition.

Sam's brother, Jacob Chipman, age 14 and a Grayling Middle School eighth grader, no longer races, but trail rides with his brother on the motorcycles. Jacob volunteers to be a flagman on the sidelines of the races, warning riders to stop racing and jumping when there is a caution on the track.

"He gets a bird's eye view of the race, because he's right there on the sidelines," Chris said.

During spring break week, the Davis family traveled to the



Sam Davis goes over a jump at an American Motorcycle Association District 14 Track as his father Tom Davis looks on.

Daniel Boone Race Track in London, Kentucky, so that Sam could knock off the rust and prepare for the upcoming season.

"Other than some adults, they pretty much had the track to themselves," Chris said.

Sam, who is also an avid soccer player, had to give up the sport to dedicate his time and efforts to his motocross racing.

"It's hard because he loves

sports and he had to make a choice," Chris said.

Sam is following in the footsteps of his father, and his uncle Kris Davis, who both rode and raced motorcycles as youngsters.

Tom Davis said he is a proud father and admires Sam's dedication to the sport.

"It's a lot of hard work for kids to do this sport, but he still enjoys it," Tom said. "Part of it is going

through the steps and to start young and work your way up through the ranks."

Sam's ultimate dream is to go pro and race in front of huge crowds again like one of his heroes, American Motorcycle Association champion Chad Reed.

"I want to go pro and race like I just did in the big stadiums," Sam said.

Cemetery clean-up snafu riles residents

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grave sites.

City officials have fielded a number of phone calls, and about a dozen people who had placed items by the graves of their loved ones attended the last Grayling City Council meeting to voice their displeasure.

Arlene Halstead, whose husband Claude Halstead, and grandsons David Baker and Joshua Halstead, a U.S. Marine, are laid to rest in the cemetery, noticed city employees loading items in the cemetery onto a truck, and questioned them about what they were doing.

"I wasn't very happy when I saw that truck - it was loaded," said Halstead, who said she is missing flower stands and wreaths for her grave sites. "It was just full of beautiful flowers that people must have just put at the cemetery."

Nancy Cox, whose husband, William Cox, a Korean War veteran, is buried in the cemetery, said her family lost a custom-made wooden cross, and a grapevine wreath decorated in red, white and blue, from their grave site.

"I don't know where the mix-up was, but you just don't go in and take things off people's graves like that, especially a cross," Cox said.

Dorothy Denton, whose father Joseph Kolka served in the Polar Bear Division in World War I, said flowers and wreath holders were missing from his grave site area as well. Denton said that she has been visiting the cemetery for over six decades, and has never had an issue.

Denton said that the missing items have placed unnecessary hardships on families, who are already dealing with the struggling economy as they prepare for Memorial Day.

"A lot of people in this town don't have money to put stuff back out on those graves," Denton said. "I'm just so upset with the whole thing."

Grayling Mayor Larry Akers apologized to the people who attended the city council meeting and ensured them that the error would not take place again.

Thayer has taken the blame for the misunderstanding, since the city employees are under his direction. He said that some of the items were placed on the graves before mounds of snow had melted at the entrance to the cemetery.

"We do regret what took place, and we will be sure that nothing like this ever happens again in the future," Thayer said.

Last year, Camp Lehman, a prison located on Hartwick Pines Road, terminated its public works contract with the City of Grayling, due to a debate over when prison crew supervisors should pay city income tax while working in the city. City officials demanded that prison employees pay income tax for the time they spent supervising prisoners working for the city. The conflict resulted in prisoners no longer maintaining the Elmwood Cemetery.

Shortly after the contract was terminated, the Michigan Department of Corrections ended its public works program for all municipalities, citing the state's budget woes.

Thayer said that state lawmakers are currently discussing reviving the prisoner's public works program.

Halstead said there were never any issues with the Elmwood Cemetery when the prisoners were doing the maintenance.

"They didn't take anything off unless it was bad, bad, bad," she said.

Cox acknowledged the hard work that the city's DPW employees do for the community.

"Those guys do the best they can," Cox said.

The city plans to implement a "quiet period" that will call for a two to three week transition for city employees to clean the

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We want to take this opportunity to thank all of the fire fighters, police, emergency personnel and volunteers for the courage and tenacity shown to us as a community while fighting the wildfire last week. Your skill and success were evident in bringing this fire under control.

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Choir students compete at state event

Four choir students from Grayling High School, who earned superior ratings (1) at District Solo and Ensemble held in Traverse City in January, went on to compete in the Michigan School Vocal Music Association State Solo

and Ensemble on April 18.

They each prepared two contrasting music pieces to perform as solos in front of a judge. They were judged on tone quality, pitch elements, rhythm elements, vocal techniques and interpretation and

presentation.

They were then given some music to explain, sight read and perform. The two categories were averaged together, determining their final rating.

Under the direction of Mrs. Karen Ross, GHS choir direc-

tor, the four students performed very well at state competition. Freshman Becca Sloan, and juniors Vickie Pegouskie and Hannah Smith, all earned a division II rating. Junior Brianna Farrell earned a division I rating.



Four GHS choir students competed in state competition. Pictured above (from L to R): Vickie Pegouskie, Director Karen Ross, Hannah Smith, Brianna Farrell and Becca Sloan.

GHS forensic team competes in state tournament

Seven members of the Grayling High School Forensic team, their coach, and several parents traveled to Eastern Michigan University on May 1, to compete in the Michigan

Interscholastic Forensics Association (MIFA) State Forensics Tournament, which is comprised of 14 competitive speaking events.

The State tournament is the culmination of a season that begins with competitive tournaments on the first Saturday in February and ends with District, Regional and State elimination tournaments in March, April and May. The team begins to prepare for competition as early as December, with other preparation beginning earlier yet, such as coaching the kids who must speak on current events.

This year, juniors April Korneli and Emily Sloan competed in oratory, a persuasive event, and informative speaking, respectively. Both girls began to research and write their speeches in December, and began to practice in earnest on the first day of the New Year.

Their efforts were rewarded when Korneli advanced to the semi-final round, finishing 10th in the state, while Sloan

advanced to the final round and finished 5th in the state.

Senior Kilah Vanderstelt and junior Meghan Wyskiel both competed in broadcasting, an event that emulates a news broadcast. Speakers in this event are given 30 minutes to select news from a provided copy and cut those stories into a five minute speech.

Vanderstelt advanced to the semi-final round and finished 11th and Wyskiel finished 15th.

Three students competed in interpretive events, events that require competitors to select and perform a scene from published literature.

Brianna Farrell performed a selection from a Raymond Carver story in which she depicted a mother, a father, a dying boy and an irascible baker, all of whom are dealing with the accidental death of the boy. She finished 20th in the state.

Kelsey Gilbert performed a children's story for which she performed the roles of a wily

rabbit trying to help an inept possum feed his family. Her performance required her to portray the roles of the rabbit, the possum, the possum's wife, as well as several frogs, both big and small, that become dinner for the possum. Gilbert advanced to the semi-final round and finished 9th in the state.

Finally, Jonathan Lovely performed a scene from a comedic play in which a dimwitted mobster helps his even dimmer friend to dress properly. Lovely finished 15th in the state.

The team as a whole finished 11th out of 49 teams.

The team competed in six tournaments across the state this season, finishing in either 1st or 2nd place in its division at all of them. Every member of the team also advanced through the elimination tournaments and qualified to State.

Throughout the year, the team members defeated 417 other speakers and 109 teams and earned 95 perfect scores and 14 first place awards.

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Tuition agreement for military families OK'd

Senator Tony Stamas, chairman of the Senate Appropriations Higher Education Subcommittee, is commending a decision allowing the students of Michigan's military families, whose parents are transferred out of state, to pay in-state tuition rates.

"The men and women serving in our military are risking their lives every day to defend our freedom," said Stamas, R-Midland. "The last thing they need to worry about is whether or not their child's college tuition expenses will dramatically increase because they were transferred."

Members of the Presidents Council, State Universities of Michigan, announced the move at a Capitol news conference last week.

Under a pact signed by the council members, students who

have at least one parent serving in the armed forces qualify for in-state tuition rates even if their parents are transferred to another state.

Thanks to the agreement, Michigan's universities will grant in-state tuition to active-duty members of the armed forces, their spouses and their dependents, if the service member is a Michigan resident or stationed in Michigan.

Once the student qualifies for in-state tuition, that status remains as long as the student is continually enrolled in the current degree program at the university.

"I commend universities across the state for doing the right thing and helping ensure that military families are not punished for a change of address while on active duty," Stamas said.

A Personal Protection Order (PPO) application is available at the county clerk's office. In a PPO, a court orders another person to stop threats or violence against the person applying for the PPO. As with any process, paperwork can be daunting. For victims of domestic or sexual violence who are already stressed, completing the paperwork concisely and completely may not be easy.

Advocates at River House, Inc., assist victims to obtain or modify a PPO for domestic violence or stalking. In order to make a timely decision, the court needs legally sufficient information. The person applying for the PPO states the facts

Outing club selected as chamber's spotlighted member



The Grayling Regional Chamber of Commerce Ambassador Club selected Fuller's North Branch Outing Club as April's Spotlight-a-Member. Pictured L to R: Joyce and Mike Ingalls, Judy and Darrell Fuller and Kim (Fuller) Lewis.

Fuller's North Branch Outing Club was selected as the Grayling Regional Chamber of Commerce Ambassador's Club Spotlight-a-Member Award recipient for April.

In 1996, Judy and Darrell Fuller purchased a historic fishing lodge on the banks of the North Branch of the AuSable River, in the small village of Lovells. After two years of restoration, the 14 bedroom lodge opened as a bed and breakfast.

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"The guests enjoy fishing, hunting or just relaxing after having a full breakfast on every morning of their stay," said the Fullers.

A full service fly shop and guide service is owned and operated by the Fuller's son, Todd. The interior design work was done by Kimberly, the daughter of the Fullers. It has made the lodge cozy and comfortable said the Fullers.

Fuller's North Branch Outing Club is open from April to December.

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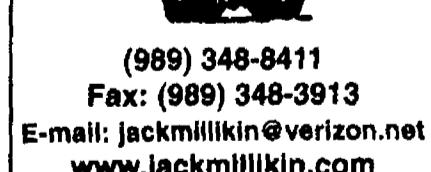
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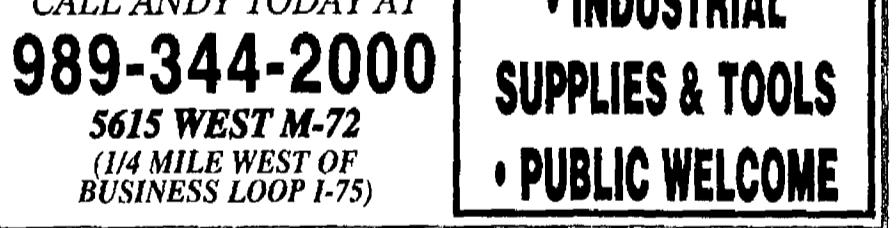
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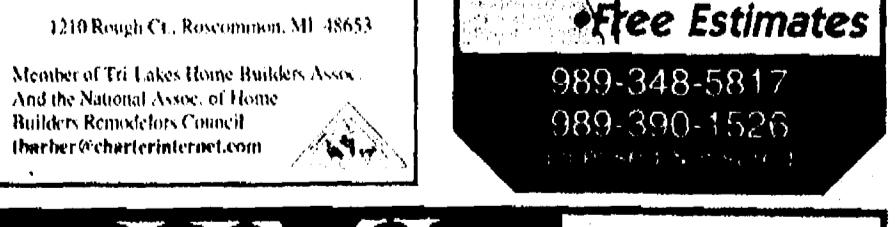
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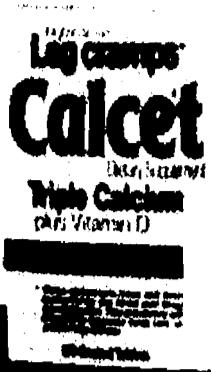
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Alternative energy ideas fuel discussion

by Matt Flint

Capital News Service

Ray Keith has no plans to convert his corn farm in Scottville to any kind of alternative energy.

"I'm 65 years old now," Keith said. "I'm getting too old to do that."

A few years ago, though, Midland Energy attempted to install wind turbines on several farms in the area, including Keith's, to provide energy. The turbines were never put up because of county zoning regulations.

Despite Keith's wariness about switching to wind power, alternative energy is becoming more of a reality in the state.

Many residents in the state favor a push toward using alternative energy as much as possible.

For example, Rachel Hood, executive director of the West Michigan Environmental Action Council in Grand Rapids, said renewable energy use is on the

rise.

Yet wind power, she said, remains a largely unused resource in Michigan, despite its potential.

"Companies, communities and individuals are poised to begin to use wind energy," Hood said. "But there are some issues around public perception in terms of aesthetics, which is a bad reason to decline these opportunities."

One of the biggest hurdles facing the state is the need to pass a sustainable-energy portfolio law and secure funding to proceed with renewable projects, she said.

A sustainable-energy portfolio would set specific standards for individuals and companies regarding energy use.

Governor Jennifer Granholm, as well as state environmental groups and some businesses, have endorsed a goal of 10 percent renewable energy by 2015. The state currently gets about 3 percent of its energy from renew-

able sources.

"The states that are really blooming in the renewable energy market have had support from their legislatures and a go-ahead to invest," she said.

But, public funding is not readily available in the state's current economic climate.

"Investors are still waiting for Michigan to flip the switch," Hood said.

Warren Schauer, Michigan State University Extension educator in Escanaba, said Michigan has a huge potential for wind energy — ranking 14th in the nation for potential production.

If widely implemented, wind energy could produce 65 billion kilowatt hours of energy statewide, he said.

Currently, 55 megawatts of energy are produced per year in Michigan, less than one-tenth of its potential.

One growing source of alternative energy is small wind production, which allows people to har-

ness energy on a smaller scale without the use of windmills. Individuals who use small wind production can stay off the statewide power grid if they choose, remaining self-reliant.

The most effective place for this type of energy production is along the Great Lakes' shoreline, because of the high winds there, according to Shauer.

"It's a clean energy source and environmentally conscious," Shauer said.

Since December 2007, more than \$2 million in federal grants have gone to 26 renewable projects in Michigan. Three of them were small wind projects.

Hood said an important first step in an energy portfolio is efficiency, conservation and energy efficiency will help the state move ahead with new alternative energy sources.

Traditional means of producing energy, such as coal-powered plants, should be the last resort, Hood said.

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United Garment Restoration Services, which has opened an office in Grayling, is a business that focuses on helping people with the aftermath of floods and fires. Above, Dave Wolf is the account manager for the United Garment Restoration office in Grayling.

Restoration business opens office in Grayling

by Dan Sanderson

Staff Writer

A restoration firm, which specializes in cleaning textiles and garments after a fire or flood, has opened a branch office in Grayling.

United Garment Restoration Services, which has opened an office at 1937 Dorothy Lane, is a business that focuses on helping people with the aftermath of floods and fires. The business aims to help businesses and homeowners restore all of their textile materials, including carpets, drapes and clothing, from smoke and water damage, mold and mildew damage and fire chemical contamination. The company can also bring specialized equipment into a home or business to remove smoke odors.

"We're a business that nobody wants to have, but are glad to

know that we're here when they need us," said Dave Wolf, an account manager for the United Garment Restoration office in Grayling.

Items that can't be cleaned on site are sent to a dry cleaners, or to United Garment Restoration's main plant in Plymouth, for cleaning. The business charges only for the items that they can clean.

Wolf said the business plans to offer full restoration work, contracting with local construction companies and builders for services.

"My goal is to provide full restoration service to the area, provided that we get the business," Wolf said.

Wolf is working with insurance adjusters and other restoration firms to let them know that a firm specializing in garment

restoration is located in the region.

United Garment Restoration operates in nine states, including Michigan. The Grayling office covers an area from U.S. 10 to the Mackinac Bridge and the Upper Peninsula.

Wolf has worked in the restoration and dry cleaning business for 30 years.

"I can automatically go into a home and tell them what can and can't be saved due to the contamination," Wolf said.

Eventually, United Garment Restoration hopes to have a cleaning plant in Grayling. The business hopes to have five full-time employees within a year, and 20 part-time and full-time employees in two years.

Wolf has family, who have been longtime Grayling residents, and has lived in the com-

munity for the last four years.

"I love it up here," Wolf said. "I don't want to be anywhere else other than here in Grayling."

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Vikings fall 1-0 in Grayling Invitational championship game

■ **Baseball team**
defeats Mio 12-0 to
advance to Saturday's
title match

The GHS varsity baseball squad defeated the Mio Thunderbolts 12-0 to advance to the championship game of Saturday's Grayling Invitational tournament, but the Vikings lost to the Harrison Hornets 1-0 in the finals.

Rocky McNamara was 2 for 3 with three RBIs vs. Mio. Geo Bindschatel was 3 for 3 with two RBIs.

In the championship contest, Eric Ferrigan, Rich Schreiber, and McNamara had hits for the Vikings.

On Thursday night, the Vikings defeated the Lincoln-Alcona Tigers 17-6 at Alcona. The second match of the series didn't go enough innings to count as an official game.

Spencer Dean, Schreiber, and Josh Stapleton pitched for Grayling vs. Alcona. Schreiber struck out nine batters in just over three innings of work.

Leading hitters for Grayling included: Andy Hulbert, 1 for 3, 1 RBI, 2 runs scored, 1 stolen base; Stapleton, 1 for 4, 1 RBI, 2 runs scored, 2 stolen bases; Ethan Neuberger, 1 for 3, 1 double, 2 runs scored; Schreiber, 2 for 4, 1 double, 2 RBIs, 1 run scored; Ferrigan, 2 for 3, 2 doubles, 2 runs scored, 1 stolen

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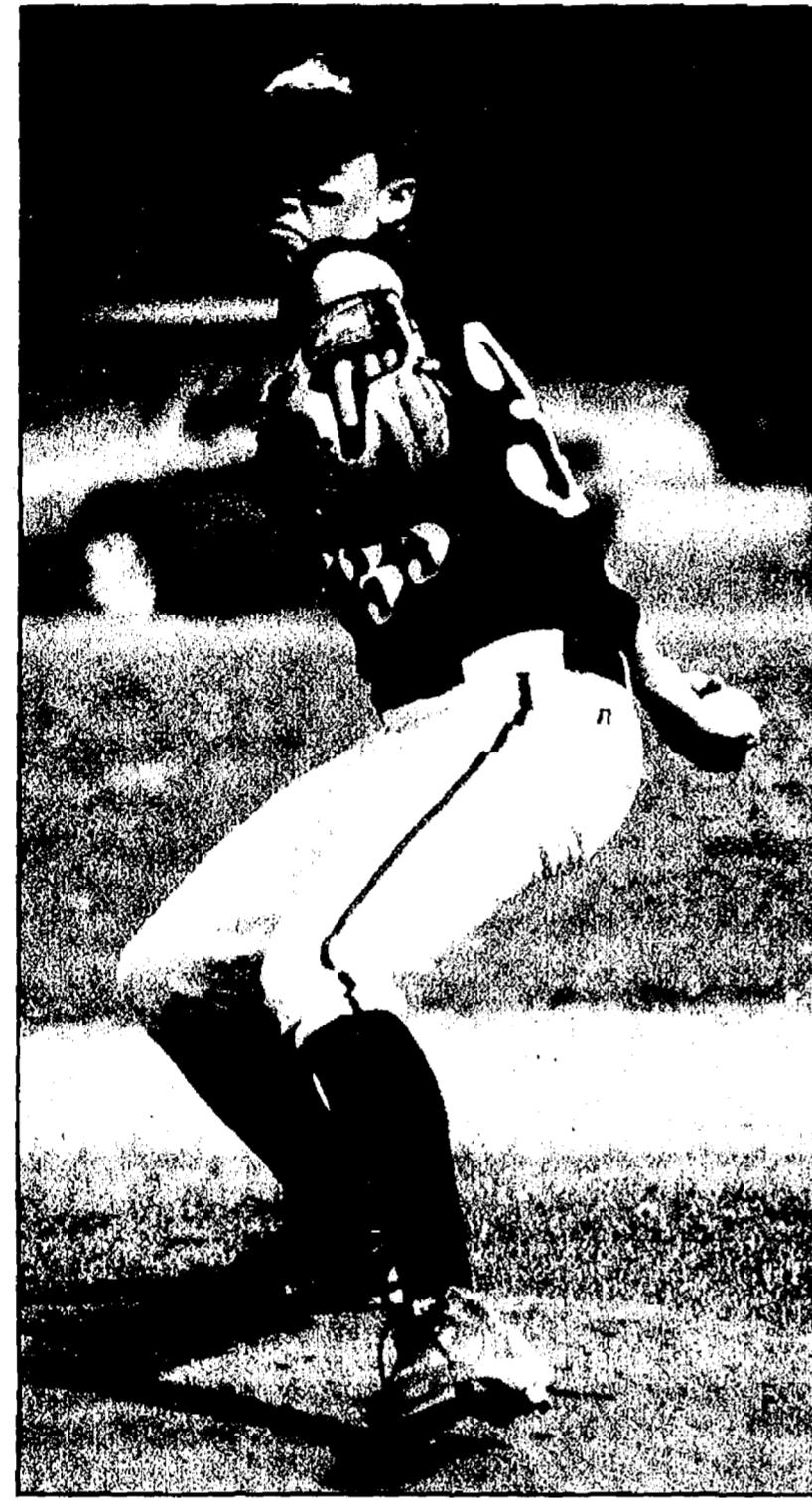


Photo by Caleb Casey

Taylor Desenfants pitches for Grayling during Saturday's tournament championship game against the Harrison Hornets.

Softball team wins two games at Lincoln-Alcona

■ **Vikings defeat Mio**
17-4 to advance to
championship game of
Grayling Invitational

Grayling High School's varsity softball team finished second in Saturday's four-team Grayling Invitational tournament. The Vikings defeated Mio 17-4 in the first round, but lost to Gladwin 11-1 in the tournament's champion-

ship game.

Joni Bindschatel was the winning pitcher for Grayling in the game vs. Mio. She scattered four hits and three earned runs and finished with four strikeouts.

Leading hitters for the Vikings were: Alyssa Lewis, 2 for 2, 2 doubles, 3 runs, 2 stolen bases; Rachel Ward, 3 for 3, 3 singles, 2 RBIs, 2 runs, 2 stolen bases; Cayla Johnson, 2 for 3, 2 singles,

1 run, 1 stolen base, 1 RBI; Bindschatel, 1 for 1, 1 single, 3 walks; Megan Etzler, 2 for 4, 1 triple, 1 single, 2 runs, 1 RBI; Kirstie Wakeley, 1 for 2, 1 triple, 1 walk, 1 sacrifice, 2 RBIs, 2 runs scored; Monica Peters, 1 for 2, 1 single, 2 walks, 1 run scored; Kelsey Neuberger, 2 for 4, 1 single, 1 triple, 2 runs scored.

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See "SOFTBALL TEAM..."



Photo by Caleb Casey

Joni Bindschatel pitches against Gladwin during Saturday's Grayling Invitational championship game.

Girls track team wins five events at league meet

■ **Vikings win three**
events at East Jordan
Invitational meet on
Thursday

In a three-team Lake Michigan Conference track and field meet at Kalkaska last Monday, Grayling High School's girls track squad won five events and placed second in total points as a group.

Traverse City St. Francis took first place overall with a team score of 53. Grayling had 48 team points, and Kalkaska finished with 44 points.

Rachel Ward won the high jump event with a leap of 4'11". Haley Wiseman took third in the high jump (4'6"). Ward also won the 400-meter dash (1:04.28). Richelle Grosskopf finished fourth in the 400-meter dash (1:14.65).

Laura Boylan finished fourth in both throwing events. She posted a throw of 26'8.5" in the shot put and a throw of 69'4.5" in the discus.

Jamie Hagerman took third in the long jump (14'1.5"). Wiseman finished fourth in the 100-meter hurdles (0:21.66).

Hailey McMahon and Brianna Kirk took first and second, respectively, in the 100-meter dash (0:13.91, 0:14.28).

Rachel Doremire finished second in both the 800-meter run (3:08.81) and 1600-meter run (6:50.15).

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See "GIRLS TRACK..."



Heaven Bergman, left, throws the shot put for GHS at East Jordan on Thursday. Brianna Kirk, right, runs in the 100-meter dash.



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Girls track team wins five events at league meet

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Kirk and Hagerman finished third and fourth, respectively, in the 200-meter dash (0:28.95, 0:29.01).

Grayling won the 400-meter and 800-meter relay races.

"This was the girls' best performance of the year," Coach Tim Gariglio said. "We still have some improvements to make before regionals. The times are not where we need to be if we want to be competitive at regionals. We have one week left before regionals, and I know they will get there."

On Thursday, the Vikings competed in the East Jordan Invitational.

Grayling won two relay events. The 400-meter relay squad – Annie Melroy, Ward, McMahon, and Kirk – finished first with a time of 0:54.40. The 800-meter relay team – Melroy, Kirk, Ward, and McMahon – posted a winning time of 1:51.

Ward took seventh place in the high jump (4'9").

Boylan finished eighth in the discus event with a throw of 27'11". She took 12th in the shot put with a throw of 26'0".

McMahon won the 100-meter dash (0:13.25) and took second in the 200-meter dash (0:27.5). Kirk finished third in the 100-meter dash (0:13.86).

Doremire placed 15th in the 1600-meter run (6:40).

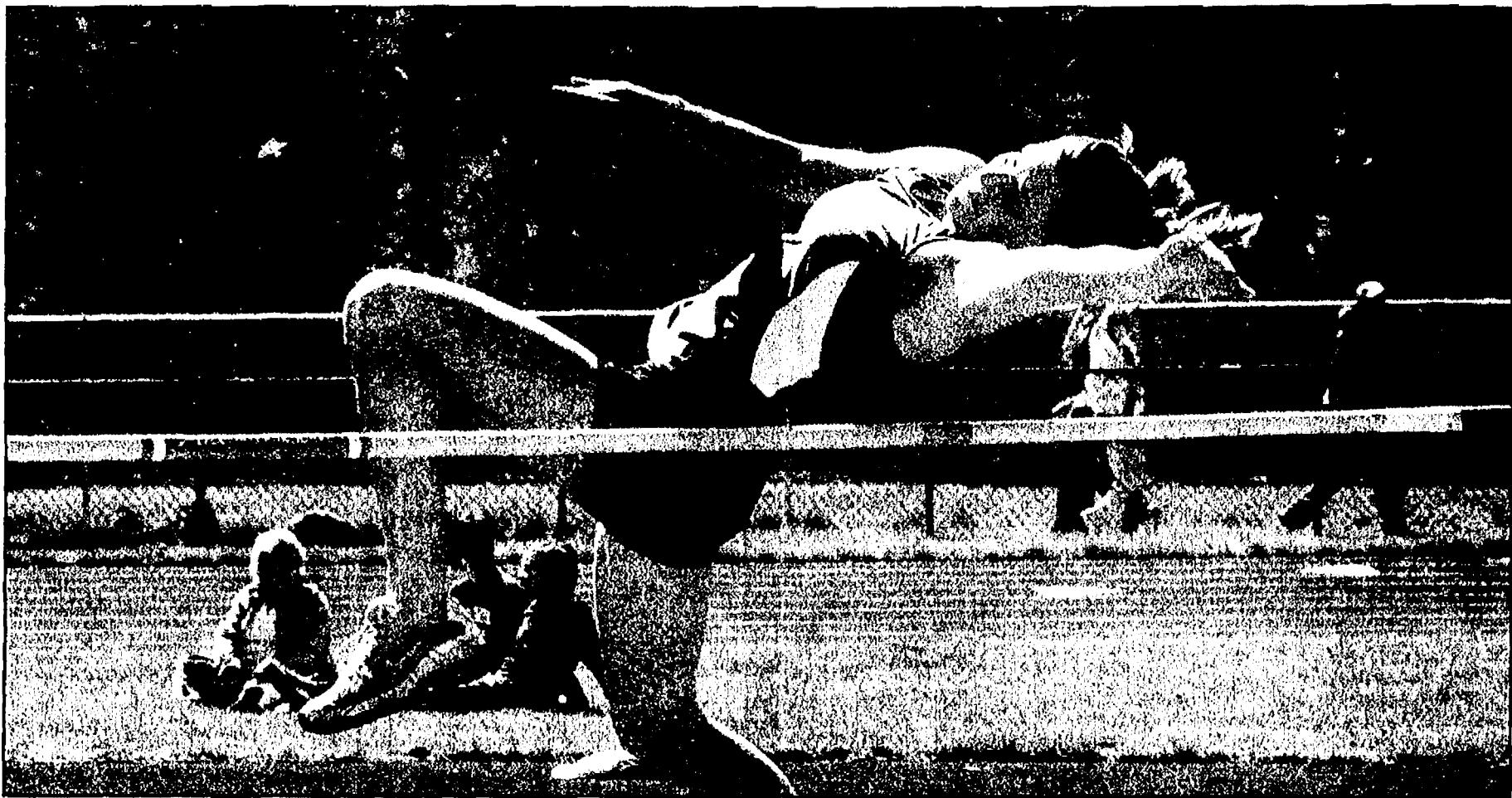
"The girls had a lot of personal records today, and their time in the 800-meter relay is a state qualifying time. We are one week away from regionals and we have a few injuries we need to take care of. Hopefully, everyone will be 100 percent healthy for regionals," Coach Gariglio said.

The Vikings will compete in regionals on Saturday, May 17, at Benzie Central.



Photos by Caleb Casey

Hailey McMahon, left, runs in the 100-meter dash on Thursday at East Jordan. Laura Boylan, right, throws the shot put for Grayling during the East Jordan Invitational.



Rachel Ward competes in the high jump event at last week's East Jordan Invitational.

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Deadline to have your graduation greeting included in this section is Thursday, May 22, 2008.

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Boys track squad wins eight of 17 events on Monday

The Grayling High School boys track squad won eight out of 17 events at last Monday's three-team league meet vs. Kalkaska and Traverse City St. Francis at Kalkaska.

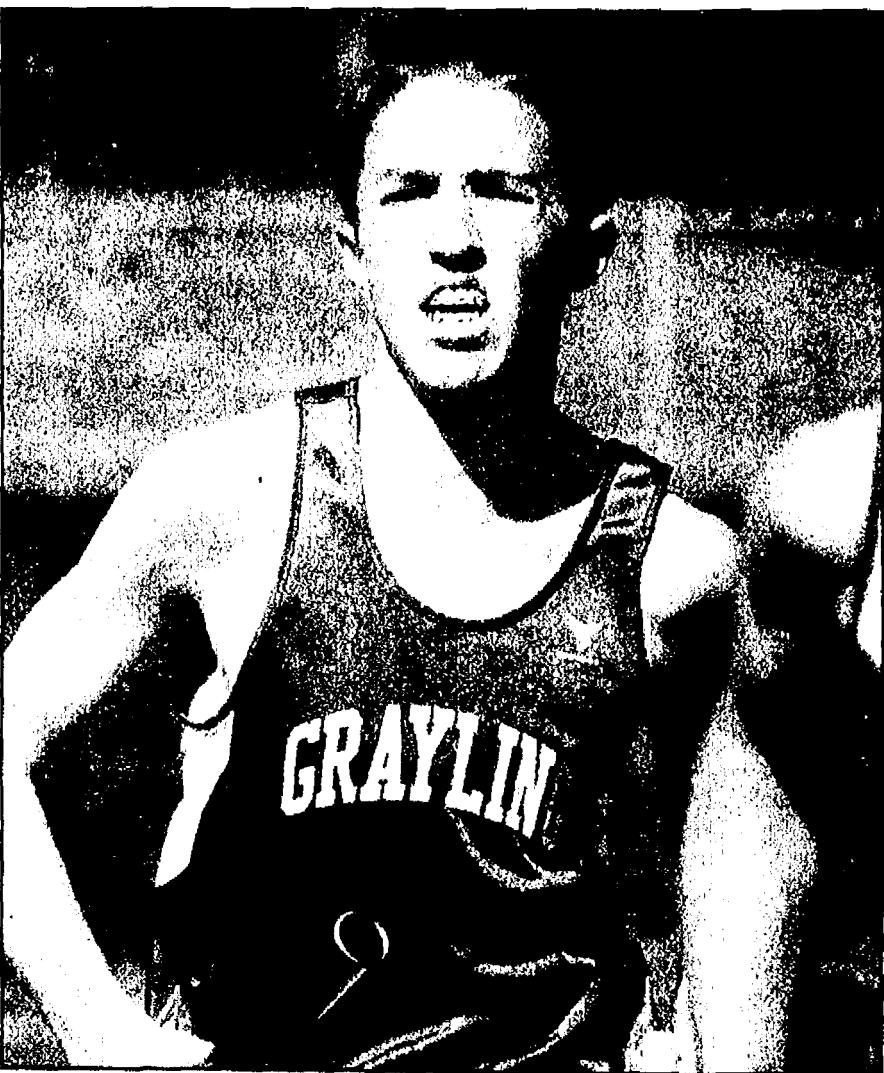
Isaac VanNuck won the high jump (5'11") and the long jump (19'10.5").

Matt Letts finished second in the shot put (40'10") and fourth in discus (121'10").

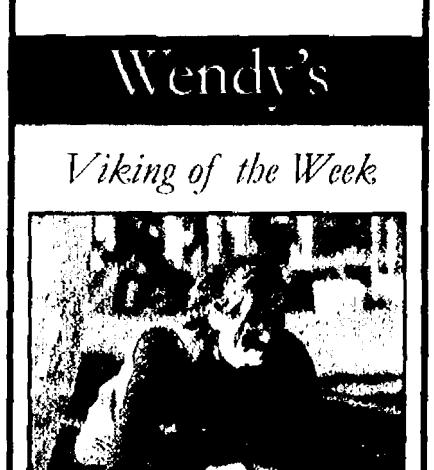
Jason Drudge and Colin Hamlin finished first and third, respectively, in the 1600-meter run (4:42.15, 5:12.66). Drudge and Hamlin finished first and second, respectively, in the 800-meter run (2:06.53, 2:15.87). Will Fowler took second in the 3200-meter run (12:47.17).

The Vikings also won four relay events (400-meter, 800-meter, 1600-meter, and 3200-meter).

Grayling will compete in its regional meet on Saturday, May 17, at Benzie Central.



Colin Hamlin carries the baton for Grayling during a relay race at last Thursday's East Jordan Invitational.



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Viking of the Week



Girls Track

Coach: Tim Gariglio

RACHEL WARD

Rachel placed 1st in three events – the 400-meter dash, high jump, and 800-meter relay – at last Monday's league meet at Kalkaska. She also placed 1st in the 400-meter and 800-meter relay events at the East Jordan Invitational on Thursday.



Max Kluge runs in a relay race for the Vikings.

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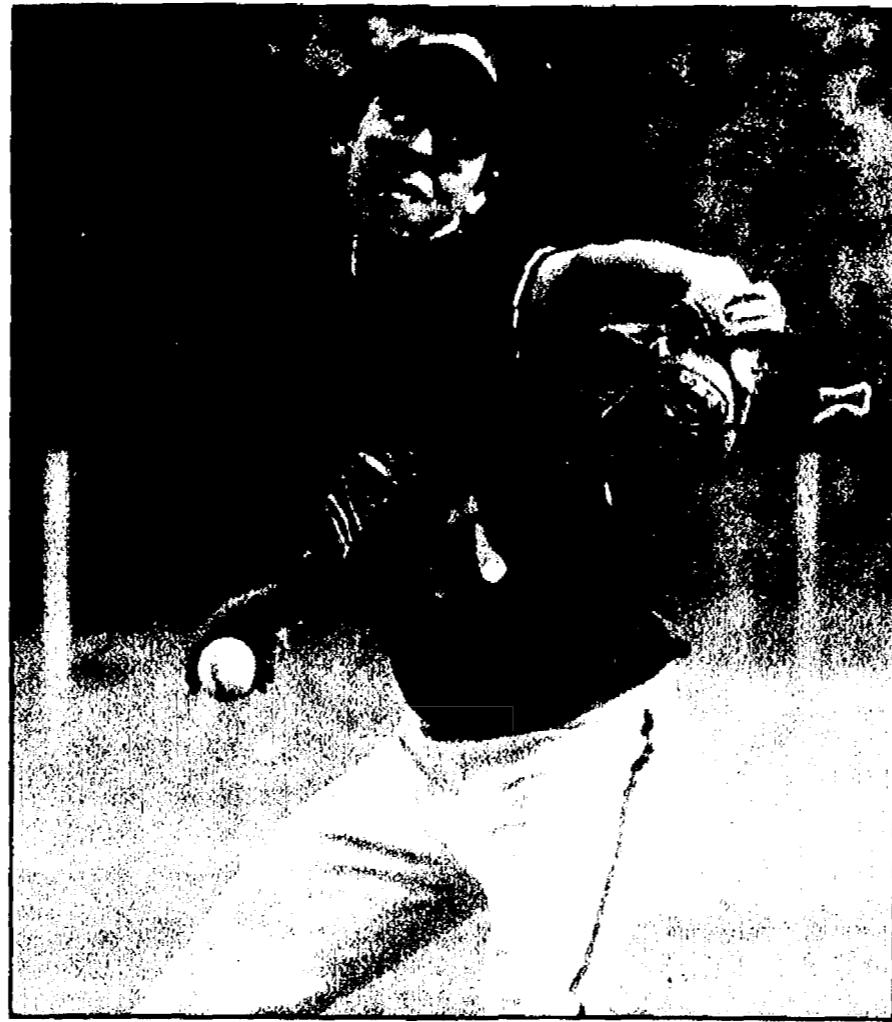
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Eric Ferrigan, left, reaches third base during Saturday's tournament game against the Harrison Hornets. Rich Schreiber, right, throws a pitch against Harrison during Saturday's Grayling Invitational.

Vikings fall 1-0 in Grayling Invitational championship game

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base; Jake Aubry, 3 walks, 3 runs scored; McNamara, 2 for 3, 1 home run, 3 RBIs, 2 runs scored, 1 stolen base; Taylor Desenfants, 1 for 3, 2 RBIs, 1 run scored, 1 stolen base.

On Tuesday, the Vikings split a league series with the Charlevoix Rayders. Charlevoix won game one 2-1, and Grayling took game two 10-1. The doubleheader was played at Charlevoix.

The two teams combined for five hits in the first game of the series. Schreiber was 1 for 3 with one RBI for GHS, and McNamara had Grayling's only other hit.

Schreiber scattered three hits, one walk, and one earned run for the Vikings on the mound. He

finished with five strikeouts in five innings of work.

Grayling had 10 hits to Charlevoix's three in game two.

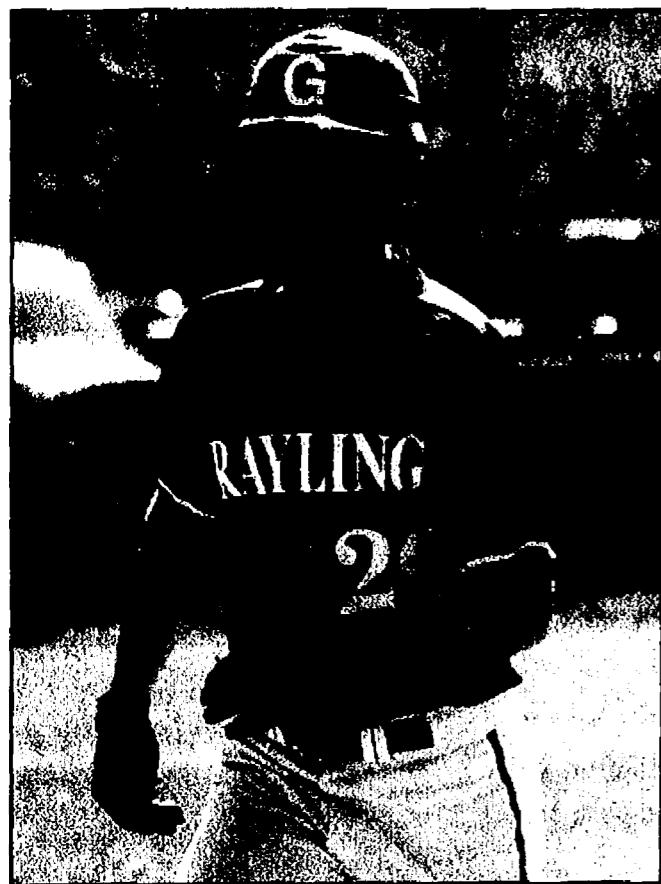
Desenfants pitched a complete game for Grayling, allowing three hits, one walk, and one earned run in six innings.

Grayling's leading hitters were: Hulbert, 1 for 3, 1 run scored; Stapleton, 2 for 4, 1 double, 2 RBIs, 3 runs scored, 2 stolen bases; Bindschatel, 1 for 4; Schreiber, 2 for 4, 1 double, 4 RBIs; Ferrigan, 3 for 4, 2 RBIs, 1 run scored; Aubry, 3 walks, 2 runs scored; Desenfants, 1 for 2, 1 RBI, 2 walks.

The Vikings (12-7 overall, 8-4 conference) will host the Houghton Lake Bobcats at 4:30 p.m. on Friday, May 16.



Rocky McNamara puts the ball in play vs. Harrison on Saturday.



Peter Alexander, left, runs from second base to third base during Saturday's victory vs. the Mio Thunderbolts. Sean Hernandez, right, bats against Mio.



Andy Hulbert, left, bats against Harrison during the Grayling Invitational. Second baseman Jimmy Osga, right, catches a fly ball vs. the Hornets on Saturday.

Golf squad competes in three meets

by Eric Rutter
Special Writer

On May 7, the Grayling High School boys golf team participated in the Charlevoix Invitational, a 13-team meet, placing seventh overall with a score of 357. Traverse City St. Francis took first with a score of 321.

Rocky McNamara shot an 81 over 18 holes, which earned a medal for the eighth best individual score of the day. Jason Wilson shot an 86, Taylor Desenfants 87, Jon Lovely 103,

and Dakota Peterson 107.

"Rocky was solid while battling some brutal conditions," said Coach Mark Rutter. "Taking eighth out of a field of 78 says a lot about his ability."

One day later, GHS traveled to Ogemaw to compete in an 18-hole invitational. Grayling shot a 389 and finished in the middle of the pack for the day.

Scores for the Vikings were as follows: Wilson (91), Jordan Helsel (98), Lovely (98), and Trent Larm (102).

The Grayling Vikings competed in a 14-team invitational at Gladwin on Saturday. Grayling could not post an official team score due to a lack of golfers. Bay City Western took a win by shooting 295 over 18 holes.

Grayling's scores included: Lovely (91), Doug Gothro (95), and Josh Johnson (99).

Grayling will be participating in the Lake Michigan Conference championship meet at Antrim Dells in Elk Rapids on Friday.

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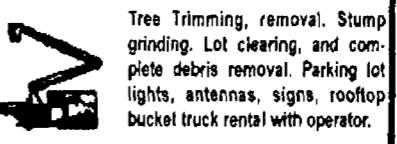
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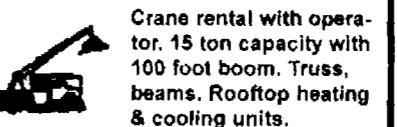
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PUBLIC NOTICE

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All citizens are advised that the Crawford County Transportation Authority (CCTA) is soliciting letters of interest from individuals willing to serve on its Board of Directors.

The term of office for members of the Board of Directors is six (6) years. There is currently one seat on the Board of Directors which will expire on June 30, 2008. There are no term limitations for members of CCTA Board of Directors, and the individual currently holding this office, Ms. Lynnette Corlew, is eligible for reappointment.

The Board of Directors meets monthly. The primary responsibilities of the Board of Directors is to establish the policies governing the business, operations, property and affairs of CCTA. The Board of Directors additionally receives and reviews management reports for the purpose of monitoring policy compliance and program effectiveness.

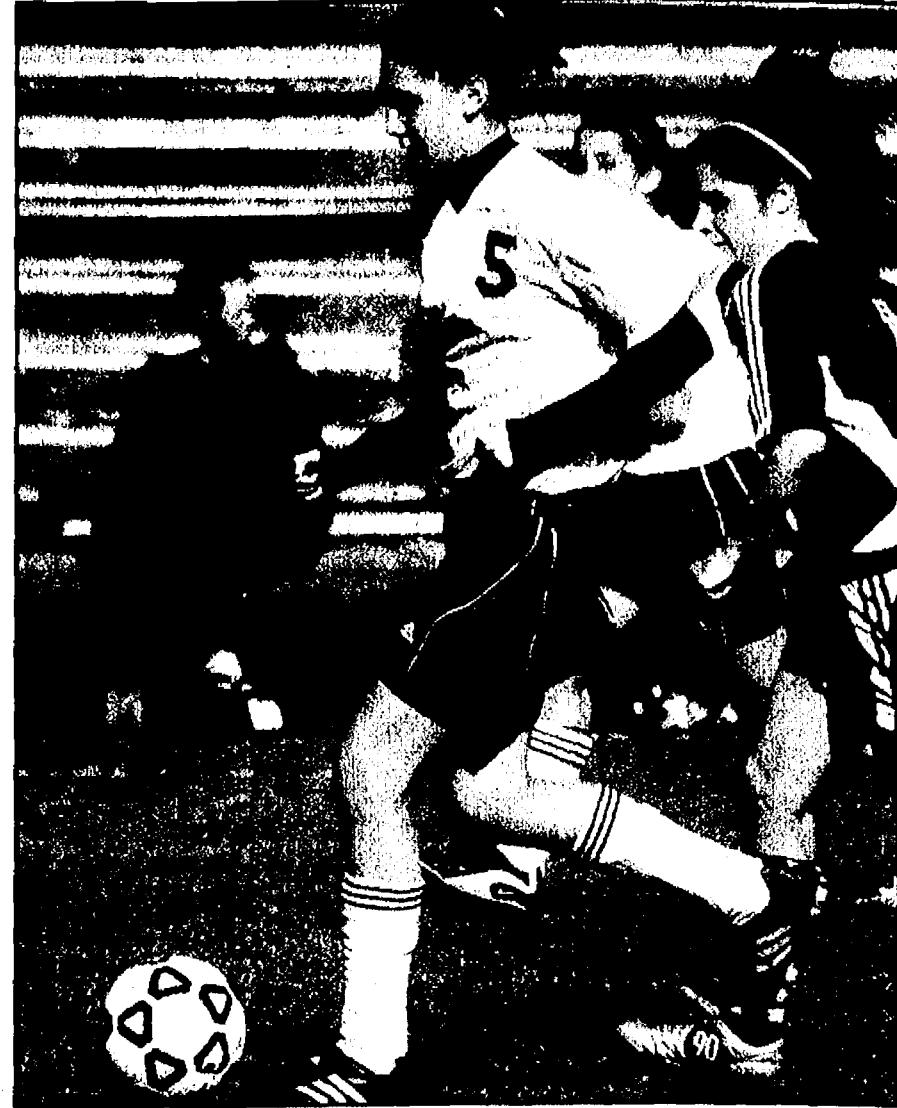
All Board Members must be over the age of eighteen with no prior felony convictions.

In order for proposals to be considered, they must be received at CCTA administrative offices by 4:00 p.m. on Monday, June 2, 2008.

Questions or comments regarding this request for applicants may be directed to Julie Dean, Executive Director, Crawford County Transportation Authority.

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Soccer team falls to Boyne City, 3-0



Iva Haven, left, kicks the ball for the Vikings during last Monday's varsity girls soccer game vs. the Boyne City Ramblers at GHS. Makenzie Nena, right, controls the ball for Grayling on Monday night. Boyne City won 3-0.

GRAYLING LITTLE LEAGUE

Grayling Little League's junior league baseball team (ages 13-14) opened its 2008 season with a 21-8 victory at Roscommon last Wednesday.

Grayling scored 13 runs in the first inning, including a home run by Stephen Enos.

Riley Zigila, Enos, Kevin Harris, and Thomas Burrell all

pitched for Grayling.

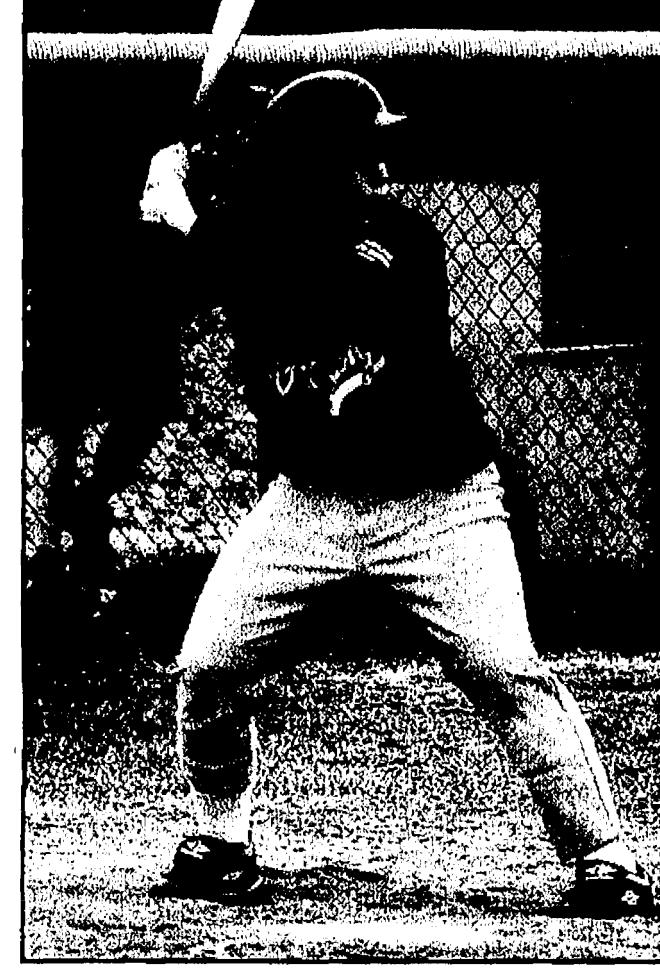
On offense, leading hitters for Grayling were: David Bergan (3 for 3), Harris (3 for 3), and Zane

Tobin (3 for 4).

On defense, Dylan Pahssen had a two-out catch in right field with the bases loaded to end the

second inning.

Grayling will play a double-header at East Jordan on Saturday, May 17.



Photos courtesy of Grayling Little League

Camren Wilson, left, bats against Roscommon. Kevin Harris, right, pitches in relief during last week's game at Roscommon.

GRAYLING COUNTRY CLUB NEWS

by Donna Thomson
Wednesday Ladies League

The Wednesday Ladies League held their organizational meeting on May 7, at 9 a.m. About 20 ladies were in attendance.

President Nancy Glasslee welcomed all and then introduced her board for this year, plus the golf committee. Evin Kent graciously volunteered to accept the position on the board left vacant this year by Mo McNamara, who is unable to

play. We know that she will be back in full "swing" next year.

Nancy informed us that we have quite a few new members who will be joining us again this year. It is always great and I look forward to meeting them.

A tentative date of June 18 has been set for the "Rally for a Cure" day. We will know more on that later. It is always a great and special day.

It was also decided to again have the Member-Guest Day, as last year's was a success.

Discussion was also held on whether to continue with the "white elephant" raffle, and we all agreed that it should be dropped. We will consider other means to add to our "coffers."

Well friends, it's great to be writing for you again this year and I hope that the rainy and drizzly day that we had today is not a sign of what's ahead for the season. Right now though, it is needed to "green" up our course.

That's all "fore" now.

HONORS (SPORTS)

Local fighter Dave Shepherd recently won a title in the 155-

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ATTN PURCHASERS: This sale may be rescinded by the foreclosing mortgagee. In that event, your damages, if any, shall be limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Frank A. Antonini, Jr., and Sandra L. Antonini, husband and wife, original mortgagor(s), to Wells Fargo Bank, N.A., Mortgagor, dated August 24, 2006, and recorded on September 7, 2006 in Liber 682 on Page 991, in Crawford county records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Three Hundred Fifty-Three Thousand Nine Hundred Forty And 54/100 Dollars (\$353,940.54), including interest at 7% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Crawford County, at 10:00 AM, on May 28, 2008.

Said premises are situated in Township of Lovells, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Parcel A: Commencing at the Southwest corner of Section 19, Town 28 North, Range 1 West, thence North 1 degrees 06 minutes West 1781.73 feet along Section line; thence North 53 degrees 31 minutes East 134.1 feet; thence South 25 degrees 40 minutes East 25.00 feet along center of Twin Bridge Road to the point of Beginning; thence North 53 degrees 31 minutes East 785.75 feet, thence South 20 degrees 06 minutes 40 seconds West 201.29 feet on Traverse line along the Westerly Bank of the North Branch of the AuSable River, thence South 20 degrees 45 minutes 01 seconds West 120.25 feet along said traverse line; thence South 51 degrees 39 minutes 30 seconds West 537.50 feet, thence North 25 degrees 40 minutes West 175.00 feet along center of Twin Bridge Road to the

place of holding the circuit court within Crawford County, at 10:00 AM, on May 28, 2008.

Said premises are situated in Township of Frederic, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Parcel I: Part of the Southwest 1/4 of the Northwest 1/4 of Section 11, Town 28 North, Range 4 West, commencing at the Northwest corner of said Section; thence South 0 degrees 29 minutes 40 seconds West along the West line of said Section 2325.15 feet to the Point of Beginning; thence South 89 degrees 51 minutes 40 seconds East 901.81 feet; thence South 0 degrees 38 East 229 feet; thence North 89 degrees 51 minutes 40 seconds West 946.04 feet to the West line of said Section; thence North 0 degrees 29 minutes 40 seconds East 225 feet to the Point of Beginning, this parcel runs to the centerline of Kolka Creek.

The redemption period shall be 12 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: April 24, 2008
For more information, please call:
FC D 248.593.1309
Trott & Trott, P.C.
Attorneys For Servicer
31440 Northwestern Highway, Suite 200
Farmington Hills, Michigan 48334-2525
File #187200F03

-24-1-8-15

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION WE OBTAIN WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. PLEASE CONTACT OUR OFFICE AT THE NUMBER BELOW IF YOU ARE IN ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY.

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Said premises are situated in Township of South Branch, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Lot 186, Indian Glens of the Ausable, Unit 2, as recorded in Liber 3 of Plats, Page 12, Crawford County Records.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: May 15, 2008
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-15-22-29-5

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File #146678F02

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-15-22-29-5

ATTENTION CITY OF GRAYLING RESIDENTS NOTICE PUBLIC HEARING

A Public Hearing has been scheduled for Tuesday, May 27, 2008 at the Regular Council Meeting at 7:00 P.M. in the Council Chambers at Grayling City Hall, for the purpose of discussing adoption of the 2008-2009 Budget. A copy of the budget is available for public inspection in the Clerk's Office at 1020 City Boulevard.

THE PROPERTY TAX MILLAGE RATE PROPOSED TO BE LEVIED TO SUPPORT THE PROPOSED BUDGET WILL BE A SUBJECT OF THIS HEARING.

Public comments, either oral or written, are welcome at the Public Hearing. Handicapped persons needing assistance or aid should contact the City Offices during regular working hours forty-eight hours prior to the meeting.

Michele A. Moshier
City Clerk

Crawford County Board of Commissioners meeting minutes are now available on the county website: www.crawfordco.org eight days following the scheduled board meeting or may be obtained at the County Clerk's office for six (6) cents per page.

**Sandra Moore
County Clerk/Register of Deeds
October 11, 2002**

COUNTY OF CRAWFORD AND CITY OF GRAYLING RECREATION PLAN PUBLIC INPUT SESSION

Crawford County and City of Grayling residents are invited to attend a public input session for the Crawford County and City of Grayling Recreation Plans. Discussion will take place at the Grayling High School cafeteria from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. on Thursday, May 29, 2008 and will be facilitated by the North East Michigan Council of Government (NEMCOG).

Comments relative to items for inclusion in the Crawford County and City of Grayling Recreation Plans will be collected at the input session. Recreation experts and information on current recreation assets will be available at the session. Residents and visitors are encouraged to attend.

Sandra Moore
County Clerk/Register of Deeds
Crawford County
May 1, 2008

Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Two Hundred Eighteen Thousand Four Hundred Fifty-Seven And 30/100 Dollars (\$218,178.14), including interest at 8% per annum.

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FEATURES

A LOOK AT OUR PAST FROM THE PAGES OF THE AVALANCHE



May 16, 1985 - The GHS students performed the musical comedy "Camelot." Jeff McLaughlin kneels over the fallen Dennis Mansfield, as most of the cast of Camelot watches. From the left are Riley McNamara, Diane Walker, Jenny Adkins, Chris Helton, Phyllis Wadsworth, Kris McLaughlin, Todd Moore, Nicki Weaver, Jeff Martinez, Angie Larson, Tim Cook, Allan Morford and Amy Smith.

23 Years Ago

May 16, 1985

Crawford County residents will have a chance to select the color of paint for the Grayling railroad depot. Renovating the depot has been a community project led by the Grayling Rotary Club. It seems fitting that the community should have a say in selecting the color of an important downtown building.

A six-person jury, in federal district court in Bay City, found Crawford County sheriff officials did not violate the civil rights of Frederick and Emma Ahrns. The

Ahrns, former Crawford County residents, were seeking \$2 million in damages, claiming they were harassed by sheriff's deputies. After 11 days of trial proceedings, the jury found no cause for action against the defendants.

A Navy ship will be dedicated to the son of a Grayling woman. The PFC Dwayne T. Williams, a U.S. Navy Maritime Prepositioning Ship, will be christened on May 18 at the General Dynamics Quincy, Massachusetts, Shipbuilding Division. The ship is named for

U.S. Marine Corps Medal of Honor winner PFC Dwayne T. Williams, who was killed in Vietnam in 1968 while saving the lives of his fellow patrol members during an ambush. The ship's sponsor will be PFC Williams' mother, Mrs. Howard C. Williams of Grayling.

The Grayling High School Individual Speech Events (Forensics) team ended its 1985 season on an upbeat note, with sophomore Amy Smith winning the fifth place trophy in the State Finals Tournament, in the category of Serious Interpretation.

46 Years Ago

May 17, 1962

A Bermuda Hop will be held at the Frederic High School on May 19. Admission is 35¢ for singles and 50¢ for couples. Everyone is welcome.

The GHS golf team lost their match to Clare by a close score of 9-6. Walt Fallon, with a 46-46 for 92, topped his opponent's 49-49 for 98 to pick up three points. Johnny Cook picked up the other three points by topping his opponent 54-53 for 107 to 56-54 for 110. He was trailing after 15 holes, but tied his opponent on the 16th hole, held the tie on the 17th and won on the last hole.

On May 19, the junior class of Grayling High School will present the annual Junior Prom, featuring the Mystics Orchestra of Grayling. The theme will be "Rhapsody in Stardust." Tickets are \$2.50 for couples, \$1.50 for singles and 75¢ for spectators. It will be held from 9 p.m. - 1 a.m.

in the Grayling High School gym.

69 Years Ago

May 18, 1939

The group of cabins and cottages being built near the AuSable River bridge, on State Street by Mr. Glen Penrod, are fast approaching completion and will be known as Penrod's AuSable Cabins and Cottages.

The Rasmussen Lumber Company is building a large lumber storage shed, which is an addition to their railroad siding warehouse.

Wilhelm Raae has broken ground for a new residence on Michigan Avenue, on the site of the old William Woodfield property.

Helen Cody is the new clerk at the Grayling Bakery.

James Bugby, Fred Bishaw and Wilbur Swanson left last week for Chicago, where they will work on the boats on the lake for the summer.

92 Years Ago

May 18, 1916

John Benson has opened his garage, the one recently conducted by the Grayling Machinery Repair Company, and is now ready for business.

Frank Shanahan is assisting in the Lewis Drugstore as a soda dispenser during the absence of Howard Granger, who is taking a week's vacation.

Guy Peterson is the new clerk at the M. Simpson Estate grocery, and Earl Hewitt, who formerly worked there, is now driving dray for the local express company.

PUZZLES

SUDOKU

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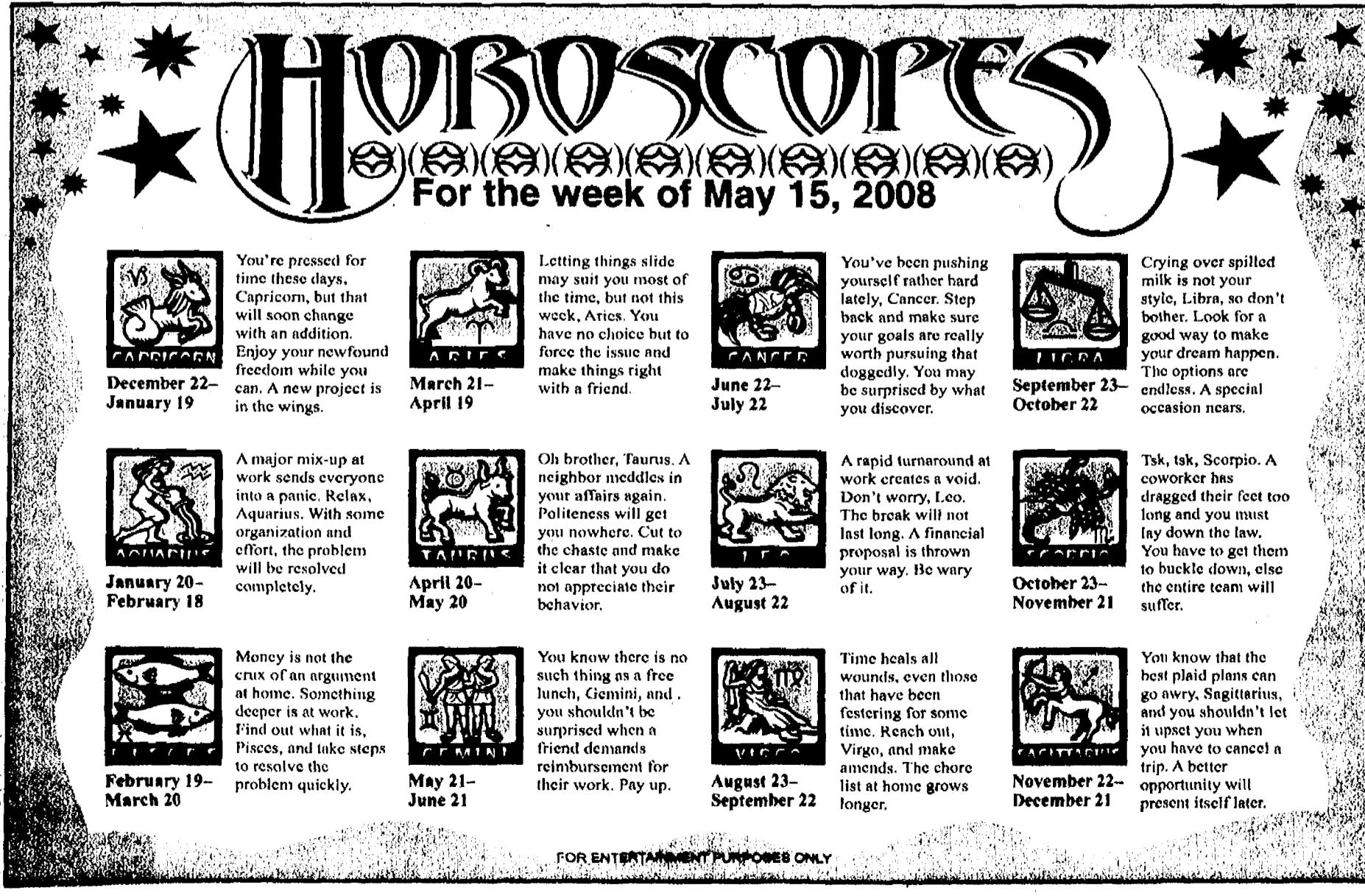
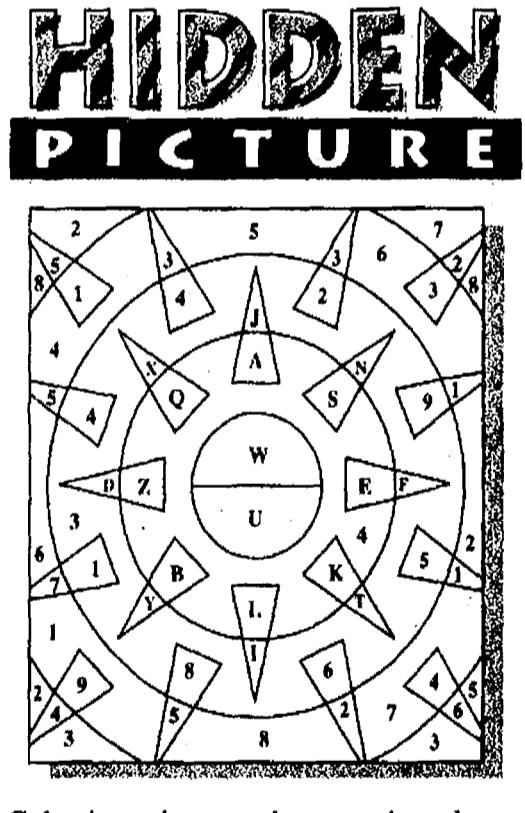
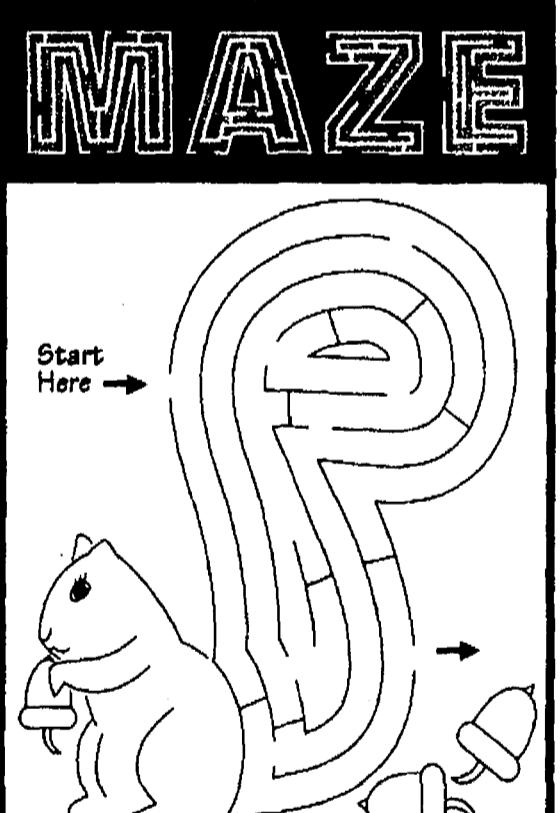
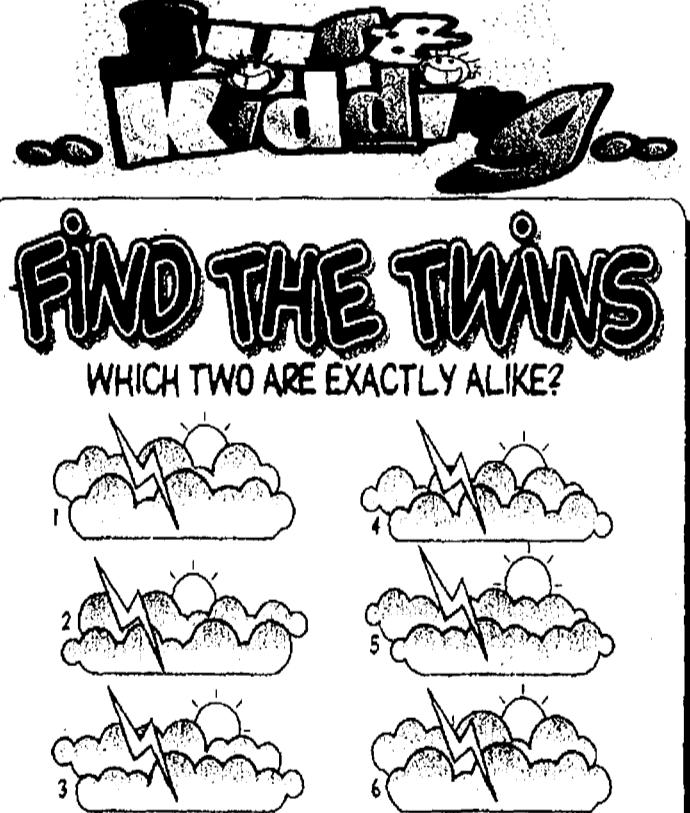
RECIPE OF THE WEEK

Sweet Mango Tamales

Prep Time: 45 Minutes
Cook Time: 1 hour

12 large, dried corn husks, soaked in warm water to soften
2 cups masa harina (corn flour)
1/2 cup softened butter
1/2 cup brown sugar
1 tsp. baking powder
Remove husks from water and pat dry. In a medium bowl, beat together masa, butter, brown sugar, baking powder and cinnamon until fluffy. Beat in nectar until smooth. Spread equal amounts in the center of each corn husk; top with 2 tbsp. chopped mango. Bring in the sides of the corn husks so that the edges of the masa meet, then fold in both ends to enclose filling. Steam for 1 hour, then let cool slightly. Mango Topping: Combine 1/4 cup orange liqueur or orange juice, 1/4 cup brown sugar, 1 tbsp. butter and dash cinnamon in a small saucepan. Cook over medium heat for about 5 minutes or until slightly thickened, stirring frequently. Stir in 2 cups chopped ripe mango (about 2 mangos) and cook for a few minutes more. Serve warm sauce over warm tamales with lime wedges on the side.

Makes 12 Servings



Please join the shelter staff and animals as they celebrate Adopt-A-Pet day on Saturday April 26th from 10:00 am until 3:00 pm.

Visit us at: www.ausablevalleyanimalshelter.org

Ausable Valley Animal Shelter is located at:

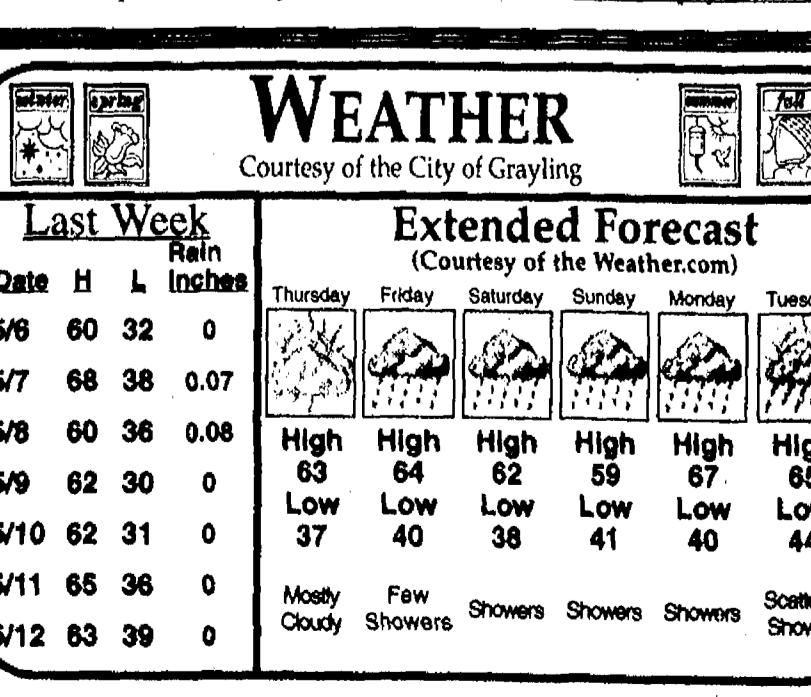
5786 Fairground Lane, Grayling

Use the entrance to the Crawford County Fairgrounds

Hours: Open 10 to 3 pm Monday thru Saturday, 10 to 12 pm on Sundays and Holidays

After hour appointments available. Call (989) 348-4117

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1. Real Estate

2-3 BEDROOM 2 bath, year round ranch in peaceful setting, on maintained road, near lakes and snowmobiling. (586) 446-0004, (586) 713-7500. (6/22/08f/1)

AUSABLE RIVER 2 bedroom, 1 bath home on 2 1/2 + / acres, 165' river front, detached garage and 12'x14' storage building. Newly remodeled. Deck only 50' from river. \$129,900. 989-348-3130. (-8-15-22/1)

1. Real Estate

REAL ESTATE Hard working, trustworthy & reliable realtor. Are you buying or selling? Call Charlotte Bloomquist, Century 21, 989-390-1393. (sgf-8-15/1)

RARE HIGGINS LAKE HOME building site 75x100. Lakeside corner of 10656 West Higgins Lake Drive & Goebel Ave. Proximity to lake \$45,000. Land contract with 20% down. 231-779-9980. (-24-1-8-15-22-29/1)

1. Real Estate

RIVERFRONT HOME 3 bedroom, 2 bath with fireplace, great views! Walkout basement has family room/fireplace w/wood insert, 2 bedrooms (office, den?) laundry, storage. 2-car attached. Large pole building, 348-8524. (3/20/08f/1)

NEWLY CONSTRUCTED 2 x 6, 2 bedroom, 2 bathroom, with private access to mainstream AuSable, 5 miles east of Grayling, \$109,000. 348-4840. (-15-22-29-5/1)

MOBILE HOME 2-3 bedroom for sale, owner finance on lot, 989-348-5278 or 586-405-0030. (3/20/08f/1)

1. Real Estate

THIS AUSABLE RIVER HOME has over 175 feet of river frontage, and is only 25 feet from the river. You can fly fish from the 750 square foot wrap-around deck. Enjoy this 2,175 square foot 4 bedroom, 2 bathroom home located on the east branch, 1 mile north of Mercy hospital. Featuring a full sized kitchen, living room, finished walkout basement, fireplace, hot tub, large cedar sauna and much more. The manicured lawn is watered from an underground sprinkler system and looks like a well maintained golf course. Price has been reduced from \$239,500 down to \$199,500. Lets talk. Call 989-348-2083 for showing by owner. (3/13/08f/1)

HOUSE FOR SALE 1560 sq. ft. (asking mid seventies), 3 bedroom, 1 1/2 baths, 2 car garage detached, new back deck 10'x29', also enclosed 10'x20' front porch, 2 storage sheds, plus 4+ acres on M-72 East, Grayling. 989-390-1680. (LR5/29/08f/1)

SMALL 2 BEDROOM 1.5 bath with natural gas fireplace and 2 car garage in Village of Roscommon. Home includes refrigerator, stove, washer, dryer, microwave, window AC. Sales price of \$62,000 with seller to provide \$2,000 cash to buyer at closing. Land contract possible with \$5,000 down, however, no cash to buyer at closing. Call 989-889-5204. (-15-22/1)

NEWER 2700 SQ FT 3 bedroom 2 1/2 bath, open floor plan, 9 foot ceilings, 3 stall attached heated garage, secluded but minutes to town, beautiful yard with sprinkler system. \$206,000, must see. 989-348-1513. (-15/1)

1. Real Estate

LEWISTON 4270 Mt. Montmorency St. Nice 3 bedroom 1 bath home. Knotty pine throughout, basement, attached garage, newer electric, roof, furnace, water heater, bath, kitchen, well, septic tank & drain field. Open house, May 31, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. \$79,000. 989-584-6024. (-15-22-29/1)

2. For Rent

MOBILE HOMES 4 RENT 2 and 3 bedroom, \$425 and up. Also, trailers for sale. 348-5278. (9/28/06f/2)

OFFICE SPACE in Roscommon, great location. \$475 per month, plus utilities. 989-348-2466, AuSable Rentals. (1/10/08f/2)

FOR RENT two bedroom home located at 303 S. 5th Street in Roscommon. \$450 per month, plus utilities and deposit. No pets! Contact Northwoods Rentals. 989-344-8787. (-8-15/2)

FOR RENT 1 bedroom apartment in town; \$485 a month. Rent includes heat and water. References and security deposit required. Phone 989-619-9689 for more info. (-5-22/2)

2. For Rent

SENIOR APARTMENTS AVAILABLE at The Brook Retirement Communities. Offering Independent and Assisted Living. Lots of amenities, activities, beautiful surroundings and affordable living. Communities located in: Houghton Lake (989) 422-7200 Roscommon (989) 275-4000, West Branch (989) 343-1400, Gladwin (989) 426-8700. Call or stop by today for a personalized tour. (5/10/2007f/2)

TWO-BEDROOM DUPLEXES remodeled, all new, floors, cabinets, walls, appliances, laundry hook-up, snow plowing, etc. Nonsmokers please, \$495. 700 B Smith St. and 8110 Insley Ave. 348-2178. (5/8/08f/2)

FOUR BEDROOM HOUSE 1 bath, full basement, 2 1/2 car garage on 1 acre. \$650 month plus \$650 security deposit. Tenant pays utilities. 4571 Nels Dr. 1/2 mile from City. No pets. 348-4716. (5/15/08f/2)

NICE 2 BEDROOM CABIN \$450 a month, \$200 deposit. Includes utilities. Call 989-915-7195 or 989-275-5774. (-15/2)

2 BEDROOMS 308 Mikado, \$530 including heat & water, 760-567-5536 or 989-348-8793. (-8-15/2)

1. Real Estate

NOW LEASING *Arbor Court Apartments* Grayling - Call Pam

989-732-6237

Rent includes 10% Individually Assured
MSIDA Vouchers Accepted
Master Free Units Available

1. Real Estate

RIVER COUNTRY Winning Office of the Year, Service Awards

Century 21

Very serene and private setting with a beautiful riverside front lawn. Features include large deck, well landscaped property, garden shed, fireplace, 3 bedrooms, 2 baths and cheerful sun porch overlooking the river. #5983 \$175,000

NEW LISTING

This property is located very close to town on the East Branch of the Ausable River and features new hardwood floors in areas of the main floor, 2 1/2 baths and up to 5 bedrooms. Must See! #5941 \$275,000

REDUCED

Almost new, near Lake Margrethe! Close to all your "Up-North" fun activities, like snowmobile trails, state land, lakes, golfing, skiing, biking and hiking. 3 bedrooms, 2 full baths, master suite, cathedral ceilings, central air, 2 car garage. #5981 \$38,500

NEW LISTING

Slender but easy access, beautiful 10 square acres of property, plus beautiful home with 3 bedrooms and 2 1/2 baths with over 2,000 s.f. of living space, enclosed large porch, attached garage. Must See! #5711 \$186,900

REDUCED

You have to take a look, to truly appreciate how nice it is! Completely dry walled with a 16 x 26 living room addition w/cathedral ceilings, 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, 2 car attached garage, air conditioned, block foundation, metal roof, 4 zone sprinkler system, & more! #5852 \$59,000

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Very nice setting! This CLEAN air conditioned, 2 bedroom mobile home is setting on a nicely wooded lot with an attached large front deck, a newer 18x22 drive through carport on the circle drive, 2 sheds and RV hook up. #5860 \$34,900

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EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

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OPERATIONS COORDINATOR, M-TEC Kirtland Community College is seeking qualified applicants for a full-time position at the M-TEC in Gaylord, providing operational support to the executive director and performing general book-keeping functions. Associate degree and 3-5 years of related work experience required. For a complete position description, visit our web site at www.kirtland.edu/hr/jobs/mtec.htm Application deadline Friday, May 30, 2008. Equal opportunity employer. (-15/3)

REGISTERED NURSE

The Michigan Department of Corrections is accepting resumes for a Registered Nurse positions in the Standish area. The pay range for a Registered Nurse is \$22.04 to \$29.00 an hour for day shift, \$23.14 to \$30.45 an hour for afternoon and night shifts. Twelve paid holidays in addition to annual and sick leave are also provided. Signing bonuses up to \$5,000 may also be offered. The State of Michigan offers a wide range of benefits; health, vision, dental and 401K. Candidates must pass a pre-employment physical, drug screen, TB test and criminal history check.

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COSMETOLOGIST

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8. Announcements

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9. Personals

10. Garage Sales

11. Automotive

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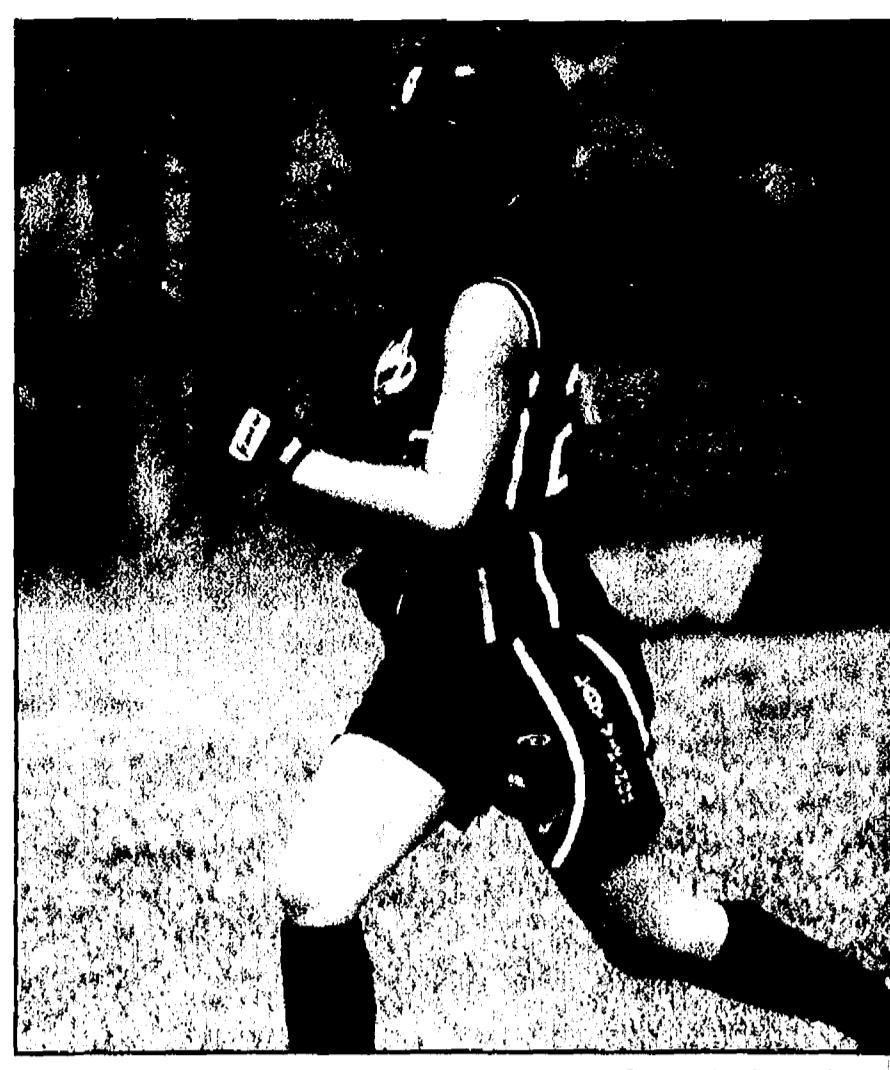
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Center fielder Rachel Ward, left, throws the ball into the infield during Saturday's tournament championship game against Gladwin. Sam Schreiber, right, runs from first base to second base on Saturday.

Softball team wins two games at Lincoln-Alcona

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In the game against Gladwin, Bindschatel was 1 for 2 with a single and one RBI. Etzler was 1 for 2 with a double.

"All the girls were excited to host our own tournament. We started a little slow against Mio, but made up for it in the second inning, scoring eight (runs). We added six runs in the third inning and never looked back. Rachel Ward was perfect at the plate going 2 for 3, scoring twice, and knocking in two runs. Alyssa Lewis, Cayla Johnson, Megan Etzler, and Kelsey Neuberger also added multi-hit performances," Coach Keri Brock said.

"We knew from playing Gladwin earlier in the season that they were a very disciplined team. A five-error third inning proved to be too much for us. We put the ball in play, but hit it right at them," Coach Brock said.

On Thursday night, the Vikings defeated the Lincoln-Alcona Tigers 7-1, 6-4 in a series played at Alcona.

Bindschatel pitched a one-hitter for Grayling in game one of the doubleheader. She struck out three batters and didn't allow any walks. Bindschatel also picked up the win in game two. She allowed two earned runs on nine hits and finished with six strikeouts.

Leading hitters for Grayling in the series: (game one) Lewis, 1 for 4, 1 single, 2 runs scored; Johnson, 2 for 3, 1 single, 1 triple, 1 sacrifice fly, 1 run scored; Sam Schreiber, 2 for 4, 2 singles, 1 run, 2 RBIs; Bindschatel, 1 for 3, 1 single, 1 run scored, 1 RBI; Peters, 1 for 3, 1 double, 1 run scored; Neuberger, 2 for 3, 2 singles, 1 stolen base; (game two) Johnson, 1 for 4, 1 double, 1 run, 1 RBI; Schreiber, 2 runs scored, 1 walk; Bindschatel, 2 for 3, 2 singles; Gabby Calkins 3 walks, 1 run scored.

The Lincoln-Alcona game night. The Rayders won the series 7-3, 16-1.

Grayling's leading hitters were: (game one) Schreiber, 1 for 3, 1 single, 1 RBI; Etzler, 1 for 2, 1 single, 1 run scored; Peters, 1 for 2, 1 single, 2 RBIs; (game two) Johnson, 1 for 2, 1 single, 1 run; Schreiber, 1 for 2, 1 double, 1 RBI; Etzler, 1 for 2, 1 single, 1 stolen base.

"We struggled against Charlevoix. A combination of errors, passed balls, and wild pitches made it virtually impossible to make a game of it. To be honest, we beat ourselves," Coach Brock said. "With just two teams left in our league to play, we need to be at the top of our game in the next couple weeks to finish in the top half."

The Vikings (7-17 overall, 3-7 conference) will host Houghton Lake on Friday, May 16, at 4:30 p.m.



Cayla Johnson, left, bunts for Grayling during Saturday's round one tournament game vs. the Mio Thunderbolts. Kelsey Neuberger, right, scores a run for the Vikings during the Mio game.

Wendy's Vikings of the Week



Softball
Coach: Keri Brock
JONI BINDSCHATEL & CAYLA JOHNSON

"Joni picked up three wins on the mound this week, including a one-hit, three strikeout performance against Lincoln Alcona. Cayla continued her consistency at the plate this week, adding six hits - four singles, one double, and one triple - and four runs scored. She is seeing the ball well and moving runners from the two spot," their coach said.



Left fielder Megan Etzler, left, tosses the ball to an infielder on Saturday during the game against Gladwin. First baseman Kirstie Wakeley, right, catches a throw.